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Britain and US insist that military action will continue even if Iraq agrees Soviet terms

Bush rejects Gorbachev's peace plan

By Peter Stothard in Washington and Robin Oakley in London

PRESIDENT Bush yesterday rejected a Soviet plan to end the Gulf war, saying it fell well short of what would be required. Britain echoed the rejection and made clear that even if Iraq were to agree to President Gorbachev's proposals, the military action would continue.

Mr Bush said that he had expressed his views frankly to Mr Gorbachev. There would be no negotiation and no concessions. "The goals have been set. I'm not going to give."

His remarks muted hopes of a last-minute deal to prevent a land offensive, and Pentagon officials said that the first phase of the ground war had, in effect, already begun.

Details of Mr Gorbachev's plan are being kept secret, but it is said to require the immediate withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Kuwait and to offer a guarantee of Iraq's sovereignty. Moscow made clear last night that the proposals were addressed not to the United States, but to Iraq.

Aleksandr Bessmertnykh, the Soviet foreign minister, said that the restoration of Kuwait as an independent sovereign state had to form the main element of any solution. Moscow also wanted to see the survival of Iraq as a "flourishing state with territorial integrity".

The Iraqi foreign minister, Tariq Aziz, yesterday returned to Baghdad via Tehran, where he had talks with President Rafsanjani. He is expected back in Moscow with President Saddam's reply within days. President Rafsanjani later appealed to the allies to delay a ground offensive so that Saddam could be persuaded by diplomatic efforts to quit Kuwait. Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian foreign minister, said he was convinced that Iraq was ready to withdraw unconditionally and that it had dropped its condition that Israel must leave the Occupied Territories.

The Soviet proposals caused serious pause for thought, in spite of their subsequent rejection by Mr Bush and Mr Major. The plan was delivered to Downing Street at 10.30pm on Monday and led to urgent consultations between Sir Charles Powell, John Major's foreign affairs private secretary, and Brent Scowcroft, the American national security adviser, until 1.15am.

The plan also occupied the entire agenda of the war cabinet meeting yesterday. Anxieties were evident within the government about the threat to allied unity. If the Russians were to claim that it did reflect the UN resolutions and the Iraqis accepted it, there would be obvius difficulties in holding together the multinational alliance.

The Soviet Union yesterday called a meeting of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council to avert such a split. Britain, France, China and America heard a statement from its ambassador, Yuli Vorontsov, who was then expected to address the other ten members. Many diplomats questioned the American response in the light of Soviet assurances that the proposals demanded unconditional withdrawal. "If the proposals are accepted by Iraq and if the United States rejects them and goes on with its land war, it would be a clear rejection of resolution 660," Abdalla al-Ashtal of Yemen said.

However, the White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said: "We're assuming that the war will have to be prosecuted to the end."

Mr Bush gave his first public assessment of the Soviet proposals to congressional leaders yesterday morning. The House speaker, Thomas Foley, said the president had found the plan wanting "on several points". Officials said it appeared to make unacceptable post-war guarantees, including the rapid replacement of non-Arab forces by UN troops.

Mr Foley said he did not think that the decision to launch a ground war had yet been taken. But at the Pentagon, officials pointed out that the opening phase had already begun. They cited the sharp reduction of air sorties against the Republican Guard in rearward positions in Kuwait and a corresponding increase in attacks on the front line. The aim was to breach border positions so the allied invasion forces could pass through. There were also reports that allied aircraft had bombed strategic island targets in preparation for an amphibious assault.

On Monday night, Baghdad suffered one its heaviest nights of bombing since the air war began. Yesterday, American Apache helicopters took 52 prisoners and smashed guns and tanks inside enemy lines.

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US military ready to govern Kuwait

From Christopher Walker in Eastern Saudi Arabia

AMERICA'S military is completing controversial plans to establish temporary "civil-military" governments in Kuwait, even in parts of Iraq, if Soviet diplomacy fails to avert the land war which officials here maintain is imminent.

Major Chris Batchelder, a civil affairs officer with the United States Third Armoured Division, disclosed yesterday that hundreds of American civil affairs experts were now in Saudi Arabia waiting to set up temporary administrations in occupied areas.

He added that a task force for restoring government to Kuwait had been established and a "civil-military plan" drawn up for administering Basra, Iraq's second city, should it be captured. The southeastern city has been a prime target for allied bombing in recent weeks and it could equally be a target for ground forces, since much of the Republican Guard is be-

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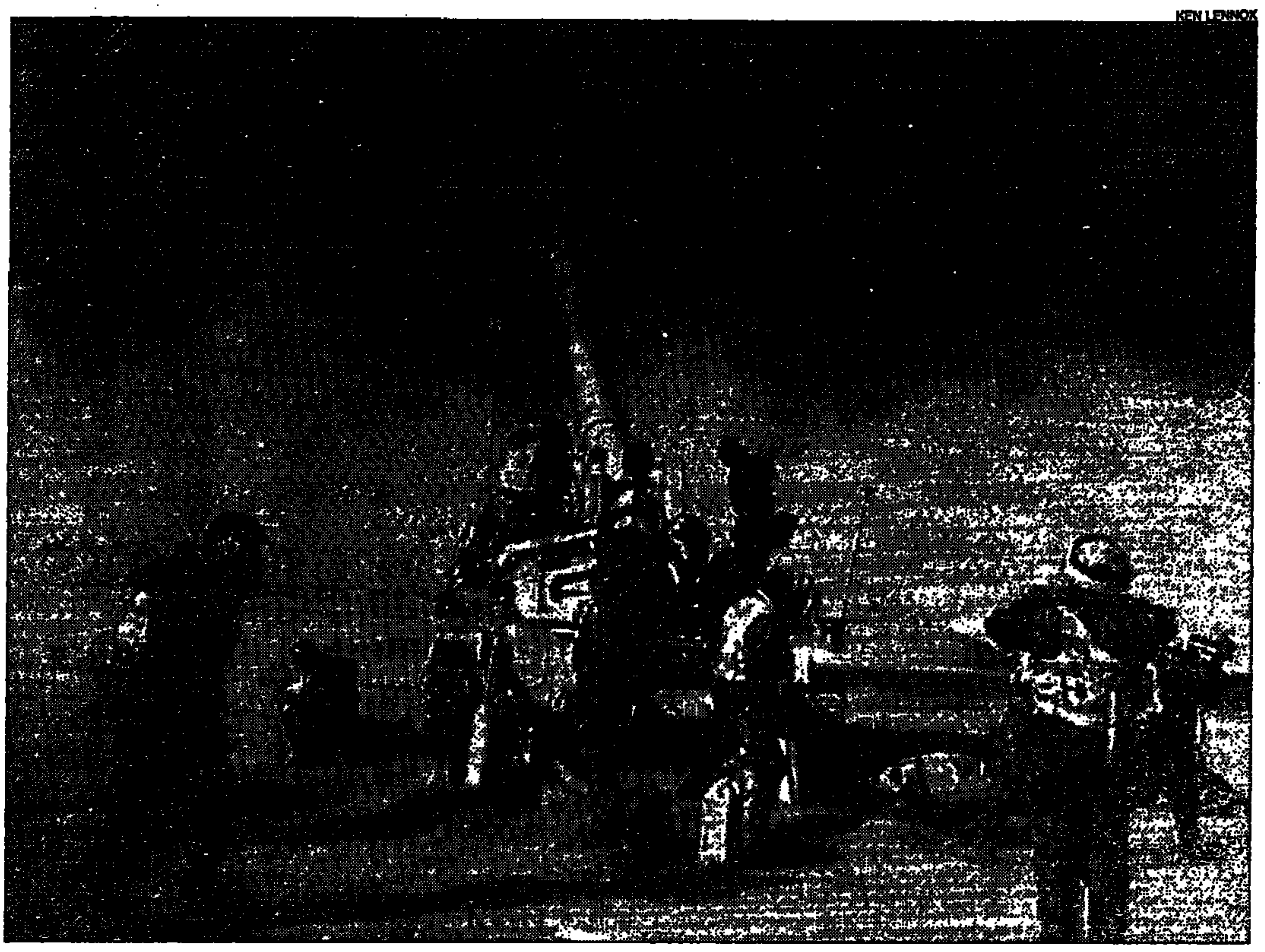

KEN LENNOX

Opening shots: British artillery units firing their 8in guns at Iraqi positions over the Kuwaiti border for the first time on Monday

5,000 forced to flee Tube

By Robin Young

FIVE thousand commuters were forced to evacuate London Underground trains after being stranded in tunnels for up to six hours yesterday. Passengers were led along miles of tunnel by torchlight and 33 were treated in hospital for stress and the effects of smoke.

Seven trains were evacuated after being stranded on the Central Line between Mile End and Liverpool Street stations. They had been waiting for an hour while police investigated a suspect package at Liverpool Street station, which turned out to be a forgotten briefcase.

As the all-clear was given, smoke began to pour from one of the trains on the westbound line near Bethnal Green station. The power had to be turned off and all the trains evacuated in turn. The operation took five hours.

Transport police, firemen and Underground staff led the passengers along the tracks to Liverpool Street, Bethnal Green and Mile End stations. Some passengers had to walk up to a mile and a half in near darkness.

All Central Line trains between Marble Arch and Leytonstone were stopped until the afternoon. Later eastbound services were suspended at White City as fresh bomb scares caused more station closures. A Fire Brigade spokesman said that though no fire was seen, the train was found to have a burnt-out moter, probably caused by overheating during the wait for the bomb search to be completed.

Passengers from five of the trains had to file out of the driver's doors at the end of their trains and walk up to a mile and a half through ill-lit, grimy tunnels to safety.

Those from the trains furthest from the stations had to wait longest and then climb into previously emptied trains and walk through them in single file, before descending to the track again. Volunteers helped pregnant women, the elderly, and people with disabilities on the march along the tracks. A few, mostly those who had fainted from heat and exhaustion in the stifling carriages, had to be carried on stretchers.

Though some passengers were clearly distressed by the experience, and had to be comforted by police and ambulance staff, most praised the way the situation had been handled. They said train drivers had done their best to kept them informed about what was happening, and that though some people had fainted from heat, there had been no panic.

Dr Peter Hall, a consultant surgeon at Hammersmith

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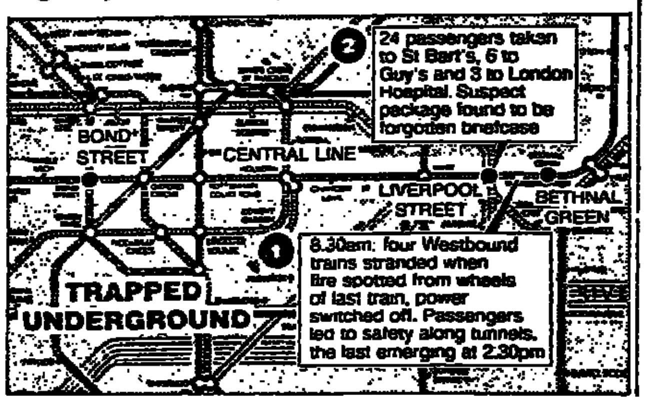
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8.30am: four Westbound trains stranded when fire spotted from wheels of last train, power switched off. Passengers led to safety along tunnels. the last emerging at 2.30pm

Long-term jobless numbers rising

LONG-term unemployment – the number of people out of work for more than a year – is rising in Britain for the first time in five years (Philip Bassett writes).

The number of people unemployed for more than a year rose by 17,000 to 525,000 in the three months to January, according to government figures published yesterday. This is the first rise in long-term unemployment since January 1986, and follows ten monthly rises in overall unemployment as the recession has hit hard.

Michael Howard, the employment secretary, regretted the rise, but said it was in line with what he called the current "interruption" in the downward trend of total unemployment. But Labour attacked the government, with Tony Blair, the shadow employment secretary, arguing that the increase showed how deep the recession actually was.

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Harrods questions rejected

THE governor of the Bank of England has refused to answer questions on Harrods Bank from the Commons trade and industry select committee in spite of allegations against the Fayed brothers, who own Harrods, and a call for its banking licence to be withdrawn.

Robin Leigh-Pemberton appeared before the committee yesterday but would give no information on Harrods Bank saying that the 1987 Banking Act forced him to keep the affairs of all institutions confidential.

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Yeltsin calls on Gorbachev to go

From Mary Dejevsky in Moscow

BORIS Yeltsin, the leader of the Russian Federation, yesterday accused President Gorbachev of "deceiving the people" and called on him to resign. He issued his open challenge to the Soviet leader – his most brazen yet – during a long-delayed live broadcast on nationwide television.

The challenge, without precedent in all the years of Soviet power, came during a short statement he was allowed to make at the end of a 40-minute interview, and was twice interrupted by the embarrassed chairman. Mr Gorbachev, the Russian leader said firmly, should leave office and hand over power to the Council of the Federation – the committee comprising leaders of the Soviet Union's 15 republics. He conceded that he had made mistakes in his relations with Mr Gorbachev, but said his chief mistake was "to have trusted him too much". It was now clear, he said, that the Soviet president's chief objective was to preserve the system, not to reform it, and not to give the republics the freedom they required. The results of perestroika, he said, were "a misguided monetary reform, blanket price rises, a sharp political turn to the right, the use of the army against the civilian population and low living standards".

He added: "I warned in 1987 that Gorbachev's character predisposed him to seek personal power and dictatorship. He should leave office and pass power to the Council of the Federation."

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Drive for Euro-code to improve road safety

By Kevin Eason and Peter Guilford

STRICTER drink-drive limits and proposals to force motorists to use dipped headlamps during daylight hours are contained in a report outlining proposals for a Highway Code for Europe. The aim is to harmonise motoring rules throughout the Continent.

In Britain, signs may have to outline speed limits in both kilometres and miles per hour. Road safety teaching could be made compulsory in both primary and secondary schools. Safety experts are worried that motorists, particularly commercial drivers, face a plethora of different rules as they cross European boundaries, from Britain in the north to Italy in the south.

The report, compiled for Karel Van Miert, the European Transport Commissioner, could be law soon after 1992, and Safety experts say that the proposals could help cut accidents by up to a third. At present 50,000 people are killed and 1.5 million injured on Europe's roads each year, costing an estimated £50 billion.

The proposals mean, however, that countries such as Britain would have to undergo major changes to road laws, from altering speed limits down to the simple matter of providing new sign posting, although the British would still be able to drive on the left.

Britain has one of the best accident records in Europe with one in 10,000 injured in road accidents annually, compared with 1.3 in Germany and Italy and 3 in 10,000 in Portugal. British ministers are unlikely to agree to wholesale changes to Britain's traffic laws, reserving the right to legislate on "behavioural" aspects of driving.

The report proposes a lowering of the drink-drive limit from the current 80 milligrammes of alcohol allowed in 100 millilitres of blood to 50, in line with several other European countries. British ministers have so far resisted a move towards lower limits although police pressure for increasingly tough action on drink-drivers could lessen opposition.

The independent EC committee is recommending maximum motorway speeds of 81mph, leaving plenty of scope for the British government to raise or lower speeds as it wishes, but probably offending the Germans who have unrestricted maximum speeds on their autobahns. But it is the success of low accident rates on UK roads which has encouraged the independent committee to offer suggestions for a Europe-wide Highway Code, which would include the best of British legislation and laws from other nations.

An EC code, it says, would help countries with less strict driving laws to match the laws operating in the safest nations in Europe and thereby reduce accidents.

The Automobile Association will publish next month a survey showing that most of the accidents involving foreign drivers occur within the first few miles of the Channel ports, because they fail to switch to driving on the left and forget British speed limits.

Under a European code a change in road signing would mean that foreign drivers alighting from ferries at Dover would immediately understand speed limits without having to go through complex mental calculations.

Dictator may triumph politically, but only from his grave

Saddam: death in a bunker may be much like Hitler's

Saddam, probably unable to persuade his army to fight to the bitter end or his people to accept expensive defeat, knows his days are numbered, **David Bradshaw** writes

PRESIDENT Bush's rejection of the Soviet Union's peace proposals leaves President Saddam Hussein with just two choices: to pull out of Kuwait unconditionally, or be driven out by an allied ground offensive. Either way he will not survive for long, and he knows it. Indeed, he told a recent visitor to Baghdad that he faced either a traitor's end at the hands of his officers, or a martyr's death from America.

Saddam's instinct will be to fight "the mother of all battles" to the bitter end, but his men may not be prepared to make that sacrifice. Until his officers turn against him he will try to make Kuwait and Kuwait City a killing ground. He will use chemical and biological weapons. His end may be reminiscent of Hitler's: surrounded by his last loyal ministers and guards, he swallows his poison pill as the allied troops break down the door of his bombproof bunker.

That sort of ending was on the cards from the start. The theory that Saddam could lose the war but go on to win the peace merely by surviving with his powerbase largely intact and his prestige among the Arabs soaring always ignored a crucial fact: a purely political victory is of little use to him. Iraq's economy is in such desperate straits that, to stay in power, Saddam needs an economic victory too.

Even without Kuwait he would be popular among the (non-Iraqi) Arab masses for having stood up to America and terrorising Israel. But that would not count for much in Baghdad, where losing Kuwait after a destructive war would leave Saddam facing far greater political and economic problems than the ones which, along with his own immense ambition, drove him to invade Kuwait in the first place.

He seized Kuwait to escape the consequences of his first war, against Iran, which left him with a $60 billion (£30.6 billion) foreign debt he could not pay, a population impatient for the fruits of victory he could not deliver, and former soldiers demanding civilian jobs he could not provide.

By the start of 1990, with oil prices dipping, his position was becoming precarious. Annexing Kuwait was his way of solving his serious financial problems and diverting his restless officers. "Be patient and you will be rich," he told his people soon after he invaded Kuwait. He expected either to keep Kuwait and its oil wealth, or to exchange it for promises of debt-reduction and large-scale reconstruction aid from the West and the Gulf Arab states, the sort of deal at the heart of his peace proposals last Friday. It has not worked out that way.

Saddam was prevented from using Kuwait's $100 billion in foreign investments to wipe out Iraq's own debt. Further, he could not add Kuwait's Opec oil-production quota of 1.5 million barrels a day to Iraq's 3.2 million barrels. Instead, his Kuwaiti adventure has cost Iraq half a year's oil revenues (worth $9 billion), a significant part of its industry and infrastructure, roads, railways, bridges, power stations, refineries, radio and television stations, communications systems, and the military industries on which he has spent billions of dollars.

Iraq, its ambitious development programme in ruins, faces years of austerity, especially if the post-war oil price crumbles. That is not all. An Iraq led by Saddam would have either to pay reparations to Kuwait (which Kuwaitis already estimate at $40 billion) or face continued United Nations sanctions. Japan's External Trade Organisation has calculated that external claims on Iraq would exceed $200 billion even if the war ended at once. No country able to help Iraq out of that hole would do so while Saddam remained in power.

That sort of ending would for a very good reason destroy Saddam politically: it would all be blamed on him. Visiting his troops in Kuwait shortly before the war began, he asked an unhappy-seeming conscript where he came from. "From Sulaymaniyah, your excellency," the man answered. "And how are the people of Sulaymaniyah?" Saddam asked. "They all support you," came the reply.

They all support *you*. That is how most Iraqis see the war: Saddam's adventure. If he had nothing to show for it but a broken country and a broken army, he and his cronies would pay the price. Discredited and unpopular, his image of invulnerability destroyed, he would quickly fall victim to enemies in the army he has wrecked or in the Baath party he has betrayed.

Saddam has survived military humiliations before. In 1982, after Iraq's ignominious withdrawal from Iranian territory, there was an attempt to depose him in favour of former president Hassan al-Bakr, who was thought to be more acceptable to the Iranians. His enemies had southern Iraq, and threatened to capture Iraq's second city, Basra. On both occasions Saddam saved himself by carrying out terrifying purges of his opponents.

In those days, however, he could count on the tacit support of the West and of most Arab states. This time he is virtually alone.

The scale of Iraq's economic difficulties would have made it hard for Saddam to give up Kuwait even before January 17, even if he had succeeded in linking it to an Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories. Now that Iraq has suffered so much damage, linkage to the Palestinian problem, even if it were on offer, would not be enough to save him.

Ironically, Saddam may well win the political peace, bringing the Palestine issue back to centre stage and by forcing a more equitable share out of Arab oil wealth. But the victory will be posthumous.

David Bradshaw writes on the Middle East for The Economist

Legal mandate to test true intentions of Baghdad

By Marc Weller

The UN Security Council has authorised the use of force to secure the implementation of resolution 660 and subsequent relevant resolutions and to restore international peace and security in the area. Resolution 660 calls for an immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all Iraqi forces to the positions in which they were located on August 1, 1990. This would include the "disputed" territories.

The security council, which has practically abdicated responsibility for the prosecution of the war, will now wish to test the seriousness of the Iraqi proposal to withdraw. A withdrawal has to be effected without any ifs and buts and demands for linkages would have to be rejected. Should Baghdad's present offer amount to no more than a restatement of its so-called peace initiative of August 12, 1990, then there would be no reason for a suspension of hostilities. After all, it was in full appreciation of that initiative that the council authorised the use of force in November of last year.

If, on the other hand, Iraq furnishes firm evidence of its intention to withdraw fully in accordance with resolution 660, then it would be entitled to a guarantee that its forces will not be attacked while retreating.

Formally, the UN resolutions concerning Kuwait remain in effect until they have been revoked by the security council – an action which could be vetoed by the United States and Britain. But resolution 678, which authorised the use of force, contains a number of inherent limitations. As long as member nations of the international coalition claim to be acting in accordance with a United Nations mandate, they are bound by these restrictions, even if the provisions of general international law might be more permissive.

Under resolution 678, military force may only be used to implement the goals of the UN and its application must be "necessary". Should less drastic means be available to achieve the UN objectives, then the mandate to use force expires. There would be no automatic right of "hot pursuit" within the narrower framework of the UN mandate.

The reference to the restoration of "peace and security in the area" in resolution 678 would not justify further military measures against Iraq. This phrase mirrors the provisions of the UN charter. It is used mechanically in general UN parlance and rarely is there a specific meaning attached to it. Clearly it does not imply a right on the part of the international coalition to depose the Iraqi government and to redraw the strategic map of the Gulf.

When, during the Korean war, UN forces were preparing to cross the 38th parallel to pursue the aggressor forces and to remove the government of North Korea, it was felt necessary to obtain a further specific authorisation to cover that operation, although the security council had already granted a mandate "to restore peace and security in the area".

But could resolution 678 be construed to permit the use of force to achieve objectives other than the liberation of Kuwait? The destruction of Kuwaiti oil fields, the acts of environmental aggression and the apparent mistreatment of prisoners of war bring the issues of reparations and of war crimes trials to mind, which have been referred to in UN resolutions on Kuwait. However, the relevant resolutions 670 and 674 only invite states to collate information concerning possible claims for reparations and the Iraqi authorities are merely reminded of their responsibility for the commission of grave breaches of humanitarian law.

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MOSCOW

Soviet Union seeks to preserve Iraq as independent state

From Mary Dejevsky in Moscow

THE Soviet foreign minister Aleksandr Bessmertnykh told reporters last night that the Soviet plan for peace in the Gulf was not addressed to the United States but to Iraq. He was making the Soviet Union's first response to Washington's apparent rejection of the plan as not going far enough to satisfy the multinational coalition.

Addressing a heated debate on Gulf policy in the Soviet parliament immediately before the American response became known, Mr Bessmertnykh said that the restoration of Kuwait as an "independent, sovereign state" had to form the main element, the basis, of any solution to the Gulf conflict. He also stated, however, that Moscow wanted to see the survival of Iraq as a "flourishing state with territorial integrity which plays a worthy role in the world community".

The two requirements are believed to be key points of the Soviet peace plan, which is said to require the immediate withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Kuwait and to offer a Soviet guarantee of Iraq's sovereignty and its borders as of August 1.

Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi foreign minister, is expected back in Moscow in the next few days with President Saddam Hussein's reply.

Earlier in the day, Vitali Ignatenko, President Gorbachev's spokesman, had again declined to give details of the Soviet proposals, citing the "sensitivity" of the moment and the need for confidentiality. He disclosed, however, that one of the key parties to any settlement, the Kuwaiti government, had not been informed of Mr Gorbachev's plan; neither had Israel.

The major combatants, including Britain, had been apprised of the plan, Mr Ignatenko said.

He emphasised that it took as its starting point an urgent withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Kuwait and indicated that the preservation of the present Iraqi regime formed part of the plan. "What matters is not the absolute destruction, not breaking the backbone of the country," he said. "Iraq must not become a regional outcast."

He agreed that one of the Soviet objectives was to avert the start of a land war for Kuwait. "Such an offensive would result in greater casualties and great destruction. Our position is to prevent this destruction." A land war would not produce anything positive, he added.

At the same time, Mr Ignatenko dissociated himself from an account of the plan given by the German newspaper *Bild*, saying it was "not correct".

Asked about comments made in London by his deputy, Sergei Grigoryev, in a BBC interview in which he appeared to support the *Bild* version, Mr Ignatenko – choosing his words with care – said that Mr Grigoryev was in London, not Moscow, and was speaking in an unofficial capacity. Asked to clarify, Mr Ignatenko said: "His version was incorrect – in an unofficial capacity."

Even as Washington was rejecting Mr Gorbachev's proposals to end the Gulf war, the Soviet parliament was wishing the plan well, appealing to foreign parliaments for an end to the war and giving its formal approval to government policy in the region.

The occasion represented something of a triumph of Soviet parliamentary management and there is little doubt that the outcome would have been quite different had the Soviet parliament known of the American response.

WAR IN THE GULF: DAY 34

ALLIED FORCES

More than 83,000 sorties flown since January 17. Allied troops manoeuvred into final positions for a ground battle. US Marines bombarded Kuwait with heavy artillery fire. Allied bombers blasted central Baghdad in some of the heaviest raids of the war. US planes destroyed five Scud missile batteries in Iraq.

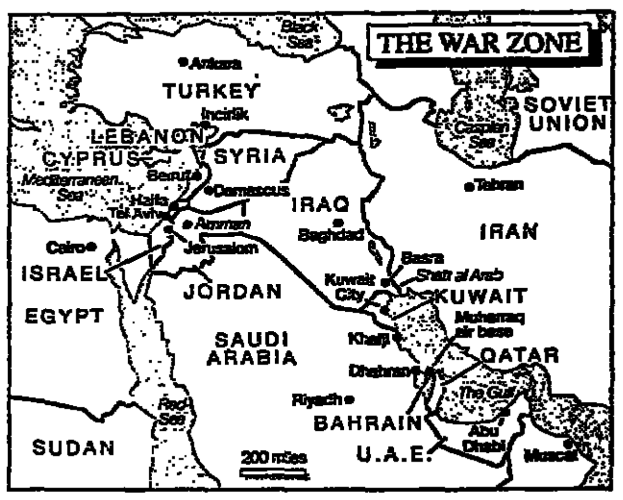
The US cruiser Princeton was leaking after hitting an Iraqi mine, and was heading for port. The US carrier Tripoli was still on station. Mine-sweeping operations were being stepped up. A US A10 ground attack plane was lost in combat on Monday in Kuwait, the fate of the pilot unknown. It was the 31st allied plane lost in the war. A US soldier was wounded in an artillery exchange.

IRAQI FORCES

Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi foreign minister, said Baghdad was serious in seeking negotiations on withdrawing from Kuwait unconditionally. Saadoun Hammadi, the Iraqi deputy prime minister, said more than 20,000 Iraqis were killed and 60,000 wounded in the first 26 days of the war and allied air raids had inflicted damage estimated at $200 billion on Iraq. Baghdad said that the allies had carried out 244 raids in the past 24 hours, 65 of them on civilian targets.

ALLIED WAR AIMS

Resolution 660 of the United Nations Security Council, passed on 2 August, condemns Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and calls for an unconditional withdrawal and negotiations. Resolution 678 authorises Kuwait's allies to "use all necessary means" to uphold previous resolutions calling for the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Iraqi forces from Kuwait and its government's restoration.



Tribal loyalties: American Indians performing a flag dance at Spokane, Washington state, in a salute to fellow native Americans serving in the Gulf

ISRAEL

Concern remains over regime keeping power

From Richard Owen in Jerusalem

ISRAEL reacted with relief yesterday to President Bush's assertion that the Soviet peace plan "falls short of what is required". But there was deep underlying concern over the prospect of an eventual settlement which would leave President Saddam Hussein in power and allow him to rebuild the Iraqi military infrastructure, possibly with Kremlin help.

Israeli officials urged the United States to "finish the job" by removing Saddam and completing the destruction of his military machine.

Moshe Raviv, deputy director general at the Israel foreign ministry, said Saddam was "the root of all evil". Iraq must be denied the opportunity of turning a military defeat into a political victory. Saddam and stability were incompatible, Saddam and peace mutually exclusive.

Threat to 'anti-war' reports

London – The Freedom Association has filed for a judicial review of the Independent Television Commission's failure to prevent Channel 4 showing "one-sided anti-Gulf war propaganda" (Melinda Wittstock writes).

Two documentaries, *Hell No We Won't Go* and *The Gulf Between Us*, made "no pretence at even-handed treatment" of military intervention to liberate Kuwait, the association alleged.

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Allies will never give Saddam a way out

Neither America nor Britain is interested in saving Saddam's face, so the Kremlin peace initiative plan was doomed to failure, and a full-scale ground offensive is inevitable, **Michael Evans** writes

PRESIDENT Gorbachev's peace initiative was doomed because he was looking for a way out for the Iraqi leader. Neither Washington nor London has ever been interested in saving President Saddam Hussein's face.

The Soviet leader tried too hard to please both sides. He continued to support UN Security Council resolution 678, which authorised the use of force. But, according to the leaked details of the peace formula, he tried to put a Kremlin spin on the resolution by imposing restrictions on the allies in return for the unconditional withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Kuwait.

Iran, the other peace broker, indicated there had to be a clear link between the withdrawal of Iraqi troops and the removal of foreign forces from Saudi Arabia and elsewhere in the Gulf. Linkage of any kind has been the *bête noire* throughout the confrontation with Iraq, at least in the eyes of the American and British governments. Linkage with the Palestinian cause and the Israeli occupation of the West Bank was firmly rejected before the war. Linkage now between Iraqi withdrawal and a negotiable formula to save Saddam never had a chance.

If the ground war is to be halted, the only negotiations the US and Britain would be interested in joining would be the practical details of withdrawal. The UN resolution does not stipulate whether the Iraqis should be allowed to leave with their weapons and tanks. This is one of the matters of greatest concern to the Americans. They want to see every Iraqi soldier disarmed and forced to walk back to Baghdad. That would be difficult if withdrawal was part of a peaceful solution, but far easier if it was part of the surrender process after a successful allied ground offensive.

But has enough damage been done by allied bombers in the past 33 days to put Saddam out of the war-fighting business, even if he were allowed to withdraw the troops and equipment which have survived? If the most recent damage assessments by allied commanders are accurate, Saddam's army has been so weakened that relatively few of the 40 Iraqi divisions would be able to function as competent fighting units. But that assessment is relevant only for allied commanders judging the best moment for launching an armoured attack. President Bush, John Major and other allied leaders need to look beyond the immediate war: if Saddam were to survive, would he be able to build up his military infrastructure again?

While nobody, not even the army ready for battle, wants to liberate Kuwait by force, if a peaceful solution can achieve the same end, the only way to stop Saddam from remaining a threat has probably always been to engage him in a bloody ground war.

There is another issue, raised in the Soviet peace formula: should Saddam pay for the damage and destruction in Kuwait? UN resolution 674 underlined Iraq's liability, under the Fourth Geneva Convention, for "any loss, damage or injury" arising from its illegal occupation of Kuwait. It has been estimated that it would cost £20-30 billion to repair and rebuild Kuwait.

Resolution 674 was a reminder of Iraq's international obligations as a signatory of the Geneva Convention. It was not an ultimatum. So in his search for a peace formula, 674 provided President Gorbachev with enough manoeuvrability to save Saddam further humiliation. The Soviet leader is understood to have ruled out any reparations or war crimes trials.

But, even if there were no other reasons for rejecting the Moscow initiative, resolution 674 gives President Bush the excuse to reject the peace plan. For Washington and London have made it clear that Saddam should pay for the destruction of Kuwait and the mistreatment of the Kuwaiti people. Units were set up in the US and in Britain to monitor any abuses of prisoners of war, so that Saddam and other leading Iraqi figures could be prosecuted for war crimes.

Ozal defiant

Ankara – President Ozal of Turkey told businessmen in Adana, near Incirlik air base, that, to end the Gulf war, President Saddam Hussein's "back should be broken, not that of his people". *(Reuter)*

Refuelling stops

Delhi – India announced that United States military transport planes would no longer be refuelling in the country on their way to and from the Gulf region with effect from today. *(Reuter)*

CORRECTION

Hans Formella was refused the post of head teacher on the grounds of his divorce and remarriage, but has not been dismissed from the deputy headship of his Catholic school, as stated in Clifford Longley's article (Feb 9).

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IRAQ

Coalition rains down bombs and missiles in raids on Baghdad

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN DHAHRAN AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

BAGHDAD came under one of the heaviest series of attacks of the Gulf war on Monday night. Journalists at the al-Rashid hotel reported areas nearby under heavy bombardment with up to 30 explosions rocking the building and as many as 17 cruise missiles fired at the city.

Journalists were forced to retreat to the basement as hot air blasts from explosions struck the hotel. Tim Llewellyn, a BBC correspondent, reported: "Suddenly an enormous series of explosions literally rocked our hotel room. The glass rattled, the glass in the mirrors inside the room rattled; it almost seemed as if the blasts of air were stretching the windows to their very limits.

"And we heard a series of enormous explosions. They seemed quite close by, but it is very difficult to tell at night under the restrictions, physically, that we're under. But I would say within half a mile of the hotel we saw at least one enormous fire, its flames lighting up the very bright dark blue starlit sky as it was at first and then gradually plumes of black smoke obscuring the stars drifted over the hotel. We heard sounds of breaking glass, and a series of explosions at different levels, with different levels of force, continued, I would say, for about five hours. I counted about 17 big explosions."

The bombardment came as the Iraqi authorities said that Baghdad had suffered 20,000 dead and 60,000 wounded. It was the government's first admission of a death toll of such magnitude.

Evidence of increasing opposition to President Saddam Hussein's regime came with a report that ten members of the ruling Baath party were lynched by an angry mob, according to Western intelligence sources in Saudi Arabia.

The previously reliable sources attributed the growing internal dissent to the unpopularity of the war and the breakdown in the rigid security apparatus of the Mukhabarat, the ruthless Iraqi secret police. The security network has been badly hit by the allied bombing campaign against Iraq's intelligence apparatus and other strategic targets. Police have been severely hampered by the disruption to telephones, other communications, electricity and transport.

Many officials believe that the weakening of Saddam's tight internal grip was first demonstrated by the extraordinary outbreak of celebratory gunfire which followed last Friday's first hint of a conditional Iraqi willingness to pull out of Kuwait.

The alleged public hanging of members of the Baath party was said to have taken place in a provincial town outside Baghdad. No concrete proof was provided by the sources to support the allegations.

The claim, the hardest sign since the outbreak of war of public anger against the ruling party which is tightly controlled by the president, followed recent reports by members of the exiled and divided Iraqi opposition that unrest was growing inside the armed forces.

Prisoners of war and defectors from Iraq who have been interrogated by Arab language specialists in Saudi Arabia have described defections inside the elite Republican Guard, with deserters fleeing westwards on foot from positions around Basra. American military officials refused to comment on reports that propaganda leaflets were now being dropped from the air urging the Iraqi population to rise up against its leaders.

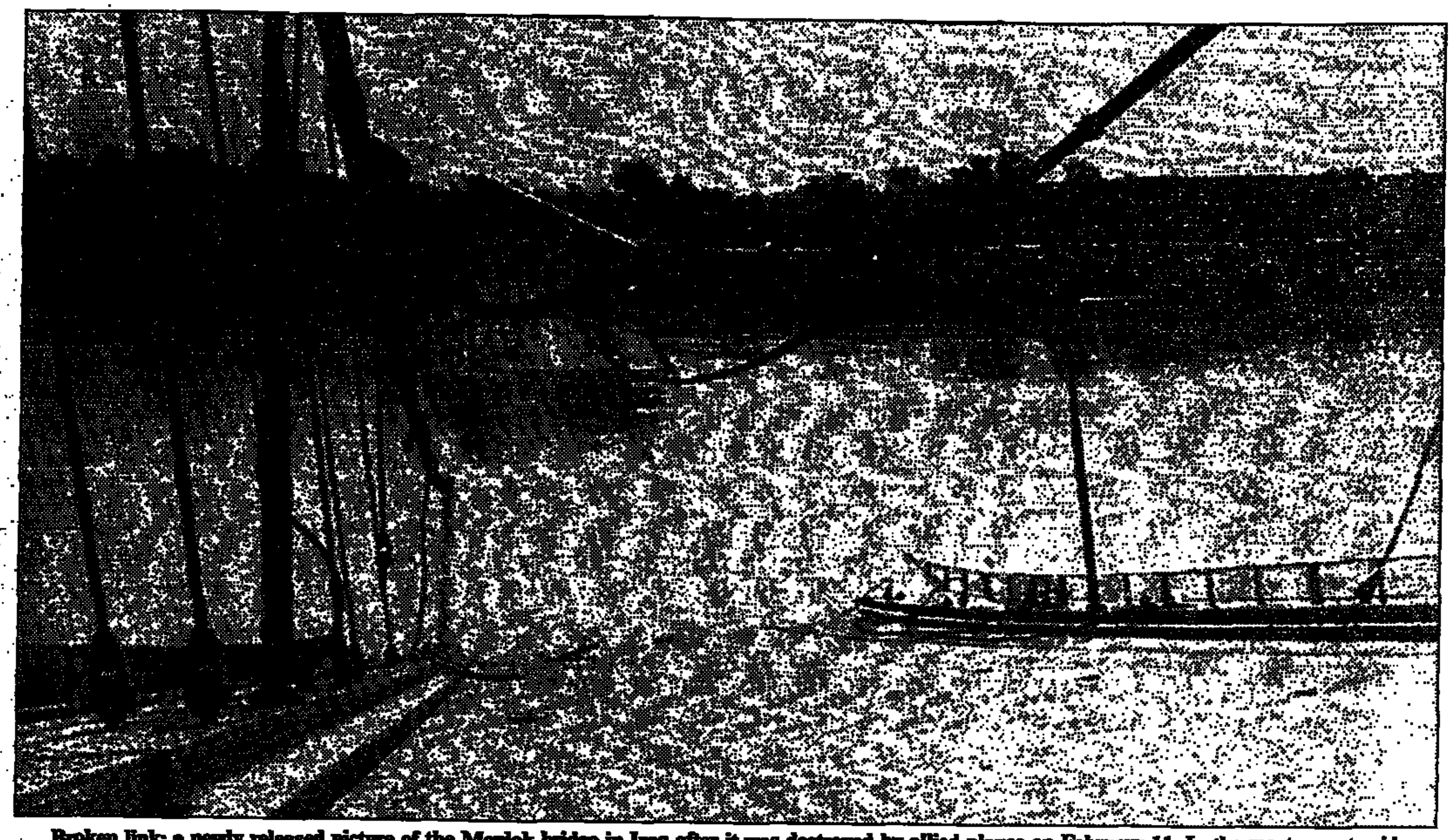
The gradual upsurge in public discontent is being described by American officials as the main reason why the ruling Revolutionary Command Council has indicated a willingness to contemplate withdrawing from Kuwait.

Although the United States has a motive for spreading stories of Iraqi public discontent, the latest accounts are being treated seriously by European diplomats. "It is the logical assumption of how people would react, but evidence about it has until recently been very thin," said one envoy.

The intelligence sources in Saudi Arabia said that anti-regime feeling had hardened in the face of what appeared to most Iraqis an inevitable and costly land war over Kuwait which they would eventually lose. The sources acknowledged that apart from incidents such as the alleged hanging of Baath party officials, most of the discontent remains below the surface. Some officials see a parallel with the situation in Romania during the last days of Ceaucescu.

Intelligence experts claim that the conduct of the war has increased public scepticism about official Iraqi propaganda. , both in relations to allied attacks and to the claimed abilities of the Iraqi forces. Only last weekend papers in Baghdad described Iraq as poised to "water the desert with American soldiers' blood".

If the Soviet diplomatic manoeuvres achieve a quick peace without what Iraq still refers to as "the mother of battles", the intelligence officials expect Saddam and his Baath party to enjoy a brief honeymoon as a result of nationwide relief. But they predict this will soon be followed by increasing public questioning as to the need for such a costly conflict.



Broken link: a newly released picture of the Moulak bridge in Iraq after it was destroyed by allied planes on February 11. In the most recent raids, coalition planes continued their bombardment of Iraqi supply lines, cruise missiles were fired on Baghdad, and up to 30 explosions rocked the capital

KUWAIT

Bitter fight for city expected

From RICHARD BEESTON IN RUWEISHED, JORDAN
AND RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ALLIED forces preparing an amphibious assault on Kuwait will face house-to-house combat with a well-prepared Iraqi garrison when they attempt to recapture Kuwait City.

According to refugees who arrived at Ruweished from Kuwait and Iraq, almost no civilians are left in the city. They said that Iraqi soldiers had taken over many residential blocks of flats and high-rise offices.

Edna Cabuno, a Filipino domestic servant who left Kuwait on Sunday on a harrowing bus journey through some of the most heavily bombed areas of the war, said that air attacks had left the city without electricity or running water and that fuel and food were scarce.

"Anyone who can get out is leaving. There are almost no civilians left, only a few Jordanian and Palestinian families," Miss Cabuno said. "But the soldiers are everywhere in the buildings."

Military sources believe that, if the battle for the city does take place, it could be a costly operation. Coalition forces would not only have to contend with booby traps and mines, but would also come under intense sniper fire.

Egyptian and Sudanese workers fleeing Iraq said that Iraqi soldiers in Baghdad were also being billeted in residential areas to avoid the allied bombardment.

In London, human rights activists complained yesterday of the difficulties they faced in bringing details of Iraqi atrocities against Kuwaitis to the attention of the world. They fear that with attention focused on the war and the Soviet peace initiative, the plight of the Kuwaitis is in danger of being forgotten. As graphic details of alleged killings and atrocities by Iraqi soldiers were given at a press conference in Westminster, Sir Bernard Braine, the father of the House, said: "We must not forget what the whole grisly business is about. It is the wanton, unprovoked aggression of a brutal dictator against a small neighbouring state."

Daad Abdullah, of the Association for Free Kuwait, said that a great difficulty in bringing atrocities to the attention of the world had been the absence since August 2 of any media coverage from inside Kuwait.

Sir Bernard: blame lies with "wanton aggression"

Witnesses to alleged atrocities gave details at a meeting of the parliamentary all-party human rights group. Others gave details of atrocities they had been told about, including multiple rape, sexual molestation, looting, beatings and religious persecution.

Andrew Maynard, a bank employee in Kuwait who left in December, described the killing of five members of one family in September. Another Briton, Christopher Bell, saw the summary execution of a young Kuwaiti. A Kuwaiti doctor told of torture his brother had witnessed.

MILITARY STRATEGY

Saddam can be defeated without land offensive

By EDWARD LUTTWAK

ONE of the most basic of Roman military principles — *festina lente* (make haste slowly) — fits the moment very well. If the ground forces are now activated to satisfy the urge to finish off this war quickly with one great blow, the outcome is likely to be a prolonged, inconclusive involvement — even if there is a battlefield victory at first. If by contrast we patiently continue the air offensive, there is every reason to believe that the war will end quite soon, and conclusively.

Anonymous American military sources, widely cited in the media, have described the long-planned offensive as "another Cannae" — a massive encirclement of the Iraqi forces in Kuwait whose rapid success and low casualty toll (for US troops) will startle the world. Such boasting is undignified and premature, to say the least.

Yet there is no reason to doubt that Iraqi forces, already substantially reduced and almost immobilised by allied airpower, could indeed be quickly defeated. For all the heavy hand of censorship, it is now no longer a secret that the decisive action is to be fought by the US Army's armoured and mechanised forces (and one British division) now ready and waiting near the junction of the Iraqi, Kuwaiti and Saudi borders.

Moving northeast, they are to bypass virtually all Iraqi fortifications on their way to the Basra area, thus slicing Kuwait from Iraq without meeting resistance before the heavily bombarded Republican Guards around Basra.

Because the mass of US marine infantry positioned directly south of Kuwait will not in fact attempt a frontal attack against the minefields, artillery, fire barriers and entrenched troops of the Iraqi fortified zones in Kuwait, early estimates of tens of thousands of American casualties no longer apply.

To be sure, the smaller number of marines afloat would undoubtedly get into the fight, but their amphibious landings on virtually undefended sand banks should not cost many casualties. As for the decisive move by the US Army forces, it should be as low in casualties and as rapid as the anonymous sources claim. In previous episodes of Middle East desert warfare, armoured forces of superior quality (Rommel versus the British, Israelis versus Arabs) have been able to advance far and fast if they had complete air superiority.

We know that there is a plan for the US Army's entry into Iraq. But is there a plan to get it out again? Unless we intend to march on Baghdad and, if needs be, Mosul to remove Iraq's rulers physically and install new ones, the spectacular advance to cut off Kuwait would have to be followed by a patient wait for the emergence of a "reasonable" Iraqi government that will accept the realities of power.

If, on the other hand, we ourselves create a new government, it would automatically be seen as a US puppet, bound to be overthrown the minute US forces are withdrawn. If, finally, we recoil from all these complications and leave it to the Egyptians, Saudis and Kuwaitis to cope, even the remnants of the Iraqi army will drive them out in short order. Only Syria and Iran acting jointly could control Iraq.

That outcome would threaten US interests far more seriously than a defeated Iraqi regime, with or without President Saddam Hussein in charge, forced out of Kuwait — which could be achieved without a ground offensive.

As of now, Iraqi deserters report that their units are almost out of food. Another week or two of air attacks on the truck traffic that supplies the 500,000 Iraqi troops in Kuwait should force them to retreat north or desert south. A little patience can now save many lives and spare the United States from a protracted engagement in Iraq that would continue to divert us from the pressing economic and social problems that threaten the future of the country far more fundamentally than Saddam Hussein ever could.

Edward Luttwak is an American specialist in military strategy

MILITARY BRIEFING

Elite guardsmen 'begin deserting'

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

SOME of Iraq's elite Republican Guard have begun to abandon their units, according to Iraqi deserters from the frontline positions in Kuwait, British sources said yesterday.

There was no evidence of Republican Guard soldiers surrendering to the allies, the sources said. But if the reports were true, it would be the first sign that even the most loyal of President Saddam Hussein's troops were leaving their posts.

The Republican Guard divisions, of at least 120,000 men spread out across southern Iraq close to the Kuwaiti border, have been bombed for four weeks. Allied commanders have found it difficult to assess their morale and combat effectiveness, because they are in well-protected shelters.

However, last week British officials said that one of the eight divisions was believed to be only 50 per cent operational. The allies view the Republican Guard as the greatest threat in a land battle. It is the best equipped and best trained of Iraq's forces and is being held as a strategic reserve force.

Yesterday the commander of the guard claimed his forces had not sustained serious losses. In a statement published by Baghdad newspapers, Lieutenant-General Iyad Khalifa said: "Our forces have not suffered big losses compared to the huge size of the air raids." He gave no figures to substantiate his claim. He said the low losses were due to "fear of the (allied) pilots, weak training, little experience and bad planning".

In another interview with the Iraqi news agency, Ina, he said: "The Republican Guard have succeeded in absorbing enemy strikes which have now become something routine and to which we got accustomed."

In Riyadh, a British military spokesman said that RAF planes yesterday hit a bridge over the Euphrates river in central Iraq and two airfields.

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SAUDI ARABIA

Staffords given a Kipling salute

From PHILIP JACOBSON WITH THE 7TH ARMOURED BRIGADE

WITH a muffled tramp of boots on thick sand, the men of the Staffordshire Regiment marched in from their scattered desert positions to form a hollow square around one of their Warrior armoured fighting vehicles. Called the "Ferozeshah", after the Staffords' proudest battle honour, it flew their green-and-gold regimental banner from the radio antenna.

As the sun beat down, section after section took up their place to await the arrival of Brigadier Patrick Cordingley, commander of the 7th Armoured Brigade, and hear his final message to his only infantry contingent before the expected allied ground assault begins.

It is reasonable to assume that some desperate fighting lies ahead for the Staffords when the Iraqi front line is attacked, and on every count they seem ready for it. Good infantrymen look distinct, if only because hard training and the gear on their backs produces a certain swagger that reflects their role at the cutting edge of battle.

When Brigadier Cordingley's Jeep rolled up, the men were called briefly to attention, then he scrambled on to the top of a Warrior, followed by the colonel of the Staffords, Charles Rogers. With dust devils skittering over the sand beyond us, Brigadier Cordingley whipped off his battered beret, glanced one last time at his notes and invited those who wished to sit down. The brigadier's preferred style of address is anything but florid, and his talk to the Staffords was something like a chat with old friends. He started with a sly aside about the regiment's well-earned reputation for unruly behaviour in the small towns of Germany, then moved quietly to the more serious business at hand.

What lies ahead, he said, would probably be "noisy, frightening and, I suspect, chaotic", with a strong likelihood of the Iraqis using some, perhaps all, of their arsenal of chemical and biological weapons. "I know that you have been training for just such conditions, and like you, I have total confidence in the superiority of our protective kit," Brigadier Cordingley continued. "I have not a shadow of doubt that the Staffords are up to their task. We are a family in this brigade, having lived and trained together for so long, and that special bond is going to give us an enormous advantage."

It was true, he conceded, that losses hurt a tight-knit group more grievously, but then "with boldness and aggression, we won't be taking casualties, only Iraqi prisoners".

He took pains to remind the Staffords that they are here to help overthrow "an evil regime" that has earned the enmity of the civilised world. "The thoughts and prayers of our country are behind you and with you constantly in this."

The only mention of glory was a reference to Winston Churchill's remarks about the original Desert Rats and their "glorious pilgrimage" of arms during the second world war. "I won't inflict a complete poem on you, because I know the Staffords are not too hot on that one. I offer you a few lines from Rudyard Kipling," the brigadier concluded, reading from *If* to an audience that had fallen utterly silent. Then the regiment came to attention again, raising more puffs of dust, and Brigadier Cordingley clambered nimbly off the Warrior. To an outsider, he had carried the occasion off more or less perfectly.

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The cruelty of a useless warning among the hoax calls

By PAUL WILKINSON

THE codeword used by the IRA to alert the authorities to the Victoria station bomb on Monday was useless, police said yesterday. Not only has the IRA not used codewords in warnings issued on the mainland for the past 10 years, but the word was different from any previously used.

The warning was among a score of hoax calls received after the Paddington explosion three hours earlier. Some of those included what the callers said were codewords. Scotland Yard said yesterday: "No codeword exists that would have alerted us to this call in particular. The caller gave what he claimed was a codeword. It is not unusual for hoaxers to give what they claim are codewords."

Such words are a regular feature of bomb warnings in Northern Ireland by the IRA and other extremist groups, but have fallen into disuse on the mainland. The main reason is that since the Harrods bomb of 1983 the IRA has switched its tactics from indiscriminate bombings of public places to attacks on military or political targets where a warning would negate their attempt to murder. Also, media coverage of at least one IRA bomb trial has included the code used, leading to hoaxes.

Monday's warning illustrates the dilemma facing the security forces when a wave of attacks begin. There is no prior discussion between police and bomber of what would be an acceptable codeword. It is only after a code has been used that it can indicate the veracity of subsequent calls.

Professor Paul Wilkinson, a terrorism expert, believes that coded warnings are in themselves "a cruel hoax" perpetrated by the IRA.

"They have never managed to get it right in all the years they have been bombing," he said. "They have no idea of the right person to give the warning to, who has the authority to order immediate evacuations, and there is never enough time allowed for people to get out safely. Often, because of the vagueness of the warning, people are actually put in further danger by moving close to where the device has been placed.

"It gives the IRA a way of salving their conscience when people die, and also the propaganda advantage of saying the security forces did not act quickly enough. The only way they can really say they do not want to take life is not to place the bombs in the first place."

An emergency procedure exists at most places likely to receive warnings from bombers. They include press and broadcasting organisations and the switchboards of high-profile public companies and organisations. Some have recorders that are switched on immediately the call begins. The machine is sealed to prevent tampering before police can listen to the call. Once the call is over the recipient must dial 999 and pass the message to the police.

On Monday, the call went to London Transport's information office switchboard. A man with an Irish accent used a codeword before telling the telephonist to write down the message: "We are the Irish Republican Army. Bombs to go off in all mainline stations in 45 minutes." The telephonist dialed 999 immediately. Officers from Scotland Yard later interviewed her and told her not to divulge the code.

London Transport said: "We have a 24-hour travel information service that is probably London's second best-known telephone number after Scotland Yard. It has been the same number for over 50 years and is open 24 hours a day."

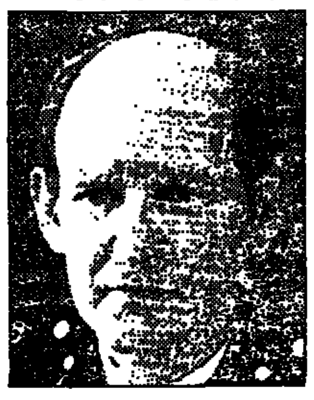
More bombs might lead to abolition of rail police

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

ANY further IRA attacks against rail passengers are likely to reopen the debate about whether the British Transport Police should be merged into Britain's mainstream police structure, security experts said yesterday.

Although few police officers are prepared, even privately, to criticise the decision by the British Transport Police (BTP) not to close immediately all of London's mainline *stations after receiving an IRA* bomb warning on Monday, many believe that further attacks at railway stations will force ministers to consider splitting the specialist force, which has a unique system of funding and accountability.

Whereas the 43 so-called county police forces in England and Wales are funded by the Home Office and local authorities, the BTP is financed entirely by British Rail and London Underground, an arrangement felt by some observers to undermine its independence. More fundamentally, officers in county forces are crown servants, while BTP's constables are employees.



O'Brien: unique funding for transport police

The BTP, which has primary responsibility for policing the railway network in England, Scotland and Wales, is one of about half a dozen specialist police forces, ranging from the tiny Atomic Energy Authority Constabulary and the Royal Parks Constabulary to the Ministry of Defence Police, which has 3,767 officers.

Organised on a national basis, the BTP has 2,027 constables and 327 civilian staff. It is led by Desmond O'Brien, an Ulsterman formerly with the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the Greater Manchester Police. He is responsible to a governing committee chaired by John Edmonds, a senior BR executive. The committee has only one member not linked to British Rail or London Underground.

BTP, which is the size of an average county force, has efficiency levels that are now regarded as about average, after concerted efforts to devolve responsibility to subdivisional managers, to transfer many posts from officers to civilians and to tackle crimes such as muggings and sexual attacks.

Total reported offences on railways and the Underground fell by 2 per cent in 1989 and are believed to have dropped by another 3 per cent last year.

The improvements in efficiency achieved in recent years have quietened, rather than ended, debate about whether the force should be absorbed into the county system. Several senior police officers told *The Times* yesterday that they considered it inevitable that a merger would occur at some stage and that terrorism — as in the case of the now defunct British Airports Authority Constabulary — would probably be the spur for such a move.

One former chief constable of a county force said: "The significant point is what happened to the airports police in the mid-1970s when terrorists began targeting *airports* and airlines.

Within a few years, the government had handed the policing of Heathrow to the Met, of Gatwick to Sussex and Manchester airport to the Greater Manchester constabulary." He believed that the BTP should be split up at the earliest opportunity.

The BTP, however, has some supporters, among them, surprisingly, Sir John Wheeler, chairman of the Commons select committee on home affairs, who wants to see county forces funded entirely by Whitehall and subject to standard recruiting and training standards.

"I am wholly against the idea of a merger," Sir John said. "People who opt to join the BTP know that they are going to dedicate themselves to policing the railways and that has to be better than seconding people to an area in which they don't really want to work. There is a need for a specialist transport force, and that need is being met very successfully."

Commuter problems, page 1

PETER TREVNOR

Moment of bravery: comforted by detective constable Kate Sibley, Jane Corner talks of her husband, David, killed by the IRA on Monday

'He didn't wake us. We didn't have a chance to say goodbye'

By ALAN HAMILTON

THE cruelty does not end with the dying. Jane Corner, whose husband David perished instantly in the Victoria station bombing on Monday, agreed to give a press conference at Scotland Yard yesterday afternoon, in the hope that it would deter the press from maintaining a vigil on her doorstep.

Dressed in a mustard blouse and black skirt, with a paper tissue tucked in her sleeve, Mrs Corner faced the barrage of cameras and microphones, and the questions of reporters uncomfortable even in their detachment, with an enviable composure but in a voice at times barely audible. Detective Constable Kate Sibley helped her through the ordeal.

She was asked what sort of man her husband had been. "He used to be alive," she answered, adding that he had been very involved in their local church at Thornton Heath, south London. Neither his wife nor their 16-month-old son, Adam, had seen him that morning before he left home to travel to Victoria and out to Ashford to attend a meeting. "He left without waking us up. We didn't have a chance to say goodbye."

Terrorism had impinged on their lives, because it had entered their prayers since the beginning of the Gulf war, Mrs Corner said. Her strong Christian faith was a great support to her at her moment of ultimate tragedy.

"I don't really feel much about the people who did it. I feel sad that my husband has gone. But I would like them to be caught," she said. "My husband would have found it in his heart to forgive these people. I am just glad nobody else was killed."

Mr Corner, aged 36, a training officer with the Department of Employment, was a churchwarden and musical director of the church band. His widow intends to treasure the tapes of the band in rehearsal under his baton. A family friend is also collecting newspapers with coverage of the blast, so that their son will know in future years exactly why he is fatherless.

A reporter asked a silly question about Mr Corner enjoying wheeling his son in his pushchair. "Yes, he did. That is what fathers tend to do," Mrs Corner said, in the one brief moment when her patience almost failed. She had been preparing to go out when she heard news of the explosion on the radio, and later received a telephone call to attend hospital.

"I hope this is what you wanted me to do. I would be very grateful if you could give us a bit of a break; it's very difficult at the moment," Mrs Corner said, before leaving, to return to her private thoughts, and to a life shattered by murderers who knew not their victim, nor cared.

Happy father: in this family picture David Corner holds his son, Adam, in his arms

Nature's threat to healthy eating

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

IF THE mushroom were to be discovered today, it would be condemned as a health hazard and a threat to wildlife, according to British scientists and industrialists.

The case against the mushroom would be a re-run of the controversy about Alar, the apple ripening spray, they say. Tests found apples and juice containing the chemical hydrazine at four parts per billion when American government safety limits are 20 parts per billion. Mushrooms, however, contain levels of hydrazine nearly 125 times as high as the juice from sprayed apples.

The spray was withdrawn after a public outcry, but mushrooms are still freely available.

Scientists, industrialists and local authority officials are meeting in London today to debate growing public fears over the use of herbicides. The latest chemicals under attack are the triazines — simazine and atrazine — which have been emerging in drinking water and have been linked with cancer.

Monsanto, the chemicals company sponsoring the conference, will be promoting its new glyphosphate products. These new herbicides are claimed to break down rapidly into harmless byproducts and, by sticking to soil, do not leak into water. Some experts hope that the new herbicides, although more costly, might allay public concern. Others claim that the old weedkillers, when used carefully, were less hazardous than their image.

While the anti-pesticide lobby is calling for wholesale bans on pesticides, some researchers have decided to confront what they claim are the persisting myths surrounding their use.

Professor Bruce Ames, a leading cancer expert at the University of California at Berkeley, says that to fight attack from insects or fungus plants produce natural defence chemicals, some of which have been found to cause cancer when tested on rats. He has calculated that the average American eats about 10,000 times more natural pesticides than man-made ones. At least 27, found in such foods as parsnips, brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, celery and honey, exceed US government safety limits

Unlike man-made chemicals, which are thoroughly tested before sale, many of the natural chemicals remain a mystery. Scientists at the Agricultural and Food Research Council's institute of food research have launched studies to determine the levels and possible risks of plant defence chemicals in many crops.

Dr Roger Fenwick, of the institute, said that as the level of industrial pesticides fell further these naturally occurring compounds could increase as crops, denied the protection of man-made chemicals, had to fend for themselves more and more."

Fugitive hides under bed to dodge raid next door

By DAVID YOUNG

AN escaped prisoner lay quietly under a bed yesterday as armed police stormed the house next door. He then waited until the police operation to recapture him in the Kent village of Upchurch had ended.

He was found by the woman who lives in the house more than five hours after the raid, when the officers had packed up their guns and the 60 villagers who had been evacuated were allowed home. He was caught after jumping from the kitchen window.

Police are investigating how Simon Bowman, aged 25, who was serving a 10-year sentence for firearms offences and conspiracy to rob, climbed undetected through the attic into the next-door house, which had been been used for two days by officers monitoring the premises they knew he was in.

Police arrested Bowman after storming the house occupied by a former girlfriend, and finding no sign of the man they had been told was armed.

After the fruitless raid yesterday morning Assistant Chief Constable Ian Johnston suggested that Bowman was not even in the village, though at that moment he was only feet away.

He was arrested as police began to pack up their high-tech equipment including heat seeking devices and sensitive microphones. The armed police had gone and a lone officer was about to mount guard outside the girlfriend's house.

Her neigbour Linda Bennett found him under a bed late in the afternoon. Josephine Baldock, who was comforting Mrs Bennett, said: "She is a terrible state. She has suffered an awful shock finding that man under her bed."

Police armed with shotguns, rifles and handguns had cordoned off the area on Sunday night and evacuated the 60 villagers living in the area after receiving information that Bowman was in the home of his girlfriend Lisa Busley. She is now on police bail after being questioned after she left the house on Sunday evening.

Police puzzled waiting reporters when they moved back the blue plastic police lines three times each time enlarging the "concealment area" when everyone was expecting them to close in.

The order was given to storm the building after trained negotiators had failed to make contact with anyone in the house, either by loudhailer or telephone.

A police spokesman said after the raid: "We are confident Bowman was in the house at the start of the seige, but he has somehow managed to escape. Because of information received, we had every reason to believe that Simon Bowman was in the premises."

Most of the evacuated villagers moved in with relatives, but eight were given temporary accommodation in the village hall and a police listening squad moved in next-door.

Bowman has already earned himself a reputation as a Houdini by escaping from Durham Prison on New Year's Eve by wriggling through bars at the prison. Police have since recaptured three other men who escaped at the same time.

His apparent escape yesterday was the second time he had eluded police marksmen. Last month he fled from Darlington by taxi minutes before armed police stormed a house he had been reported to be in.

Bowman, from Washington, Tyne and Wear, had escaped on New Year's Eve from Durham Jail with three others. Two were recaptured sonn afterwards and the third was found after armed police surrounded a house in Darlington on January 25. Bowman was not there but as police moved to surround another house in the area he cooly called a taxi and escaped.

Freeze on pay rises at Stock Exchange

By TIM JONES
EMPLOYMENT CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 2,000 employees of the Council of the International Stock Exchange have had their pay frozen for six months. It affects every employee, including executives.

The move is the latest and most worrying indication of Britain's reducing economic base and has been blamed on a significant downturn in business at one of the pillars of Britain's monetary system.

The 2,000 employees would normally have expected performance related pay rises averaging at least 6 per cent from March but have been told they will get nothing until at least September.

An increasing number of firms are now introducing pay freezes or rises below the inflation rate in order to survive. Earlier this week, Thomas Cook, a subsidiary of Midland Bank, announced it was to implement pay cuts of up to 10 per cent for its 7,500 British employees.

Employees at Philips Components have also been told the company is introducing a four-month "no negotiations" policy, while employees of Tolman Holdings, Britain's biggest car transporter company, have also agreed to pay cuts of up to 25 per cent.

Leaders of the BIFU bank union yesterday claimed that senior managers at Barclays Bank had been unable to confirm that Sir John Quinton, its chairman, planned to shed 17,000 jobs in the next five years. At yesterday's pay talks, Barclays management rejected the union's 14 per cent wage claim and stuck to its offer of 7 per cent.

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Producer to join Delfont venture

Cameron Mackintosh, the West End producer responsible for *Miss Saigon, Phantom of the Opera* and *Les Misérables*, is moving into theatre ownership (Simon Tait writes). He is joining Lord Delfont, the veteran impresario, in a new company set up to operate the Prince of Wales and Prince Edward theatres in the West End.

The two theatres, together worth £12.5 million, are owned by Lord Delfont's company First Leisure. A new company, First Leisure Corporation, has been formed with Mr Mackintosh acquiring a 20 per cent interest of the new company, with an option of acquiring a further 30 per cent within two years.

Farm profits fall

Almost two thirds of farmers reported lower profits last year and about 14 per cent would consider selling up if incomes fell further, according to a survey by the Royal Agricultural Society of England. Slightly more than half of those polled believed that their prospects would worsen this year. Farmers cited low product prices and high interest rates among their main concerns.

School blacklist

A government blacklist of school staff dismissed for misconduct is to include non-teaching staff at independent schools in order to minimise the risk of child abuse. Proprietors of such schools will have to report the dismissal of any member of staff. Until now, independent schools have had to report only the dismissal, or resignation to avoid dismissal, of teachers.

Editor goes

Robin Morgan has been asked to resign as editor of *The Sunday Express*, which lost one million readers last year. Henry Macrory, executive editor, will take over until a replacement is chosen. The decision by Express Newspapers' board, on which the company's editors sit, is understood to have come as a surprise to Mr Morgan, aged 37, who took over the editorship in July 1989.

Cab ruling

A woman who applied for a job as a taxi driver was told she could drive at night only if she paid an indemnity fee to cover damage to the cab, a Liverpool industrial tribunal was told yesterday. Anne Cullen, aged 38, of Crosby, was told Intacabs did not have women driving at night but the same conditions were not imposed on a man. The tribunal ruled that she had been discriminated against.

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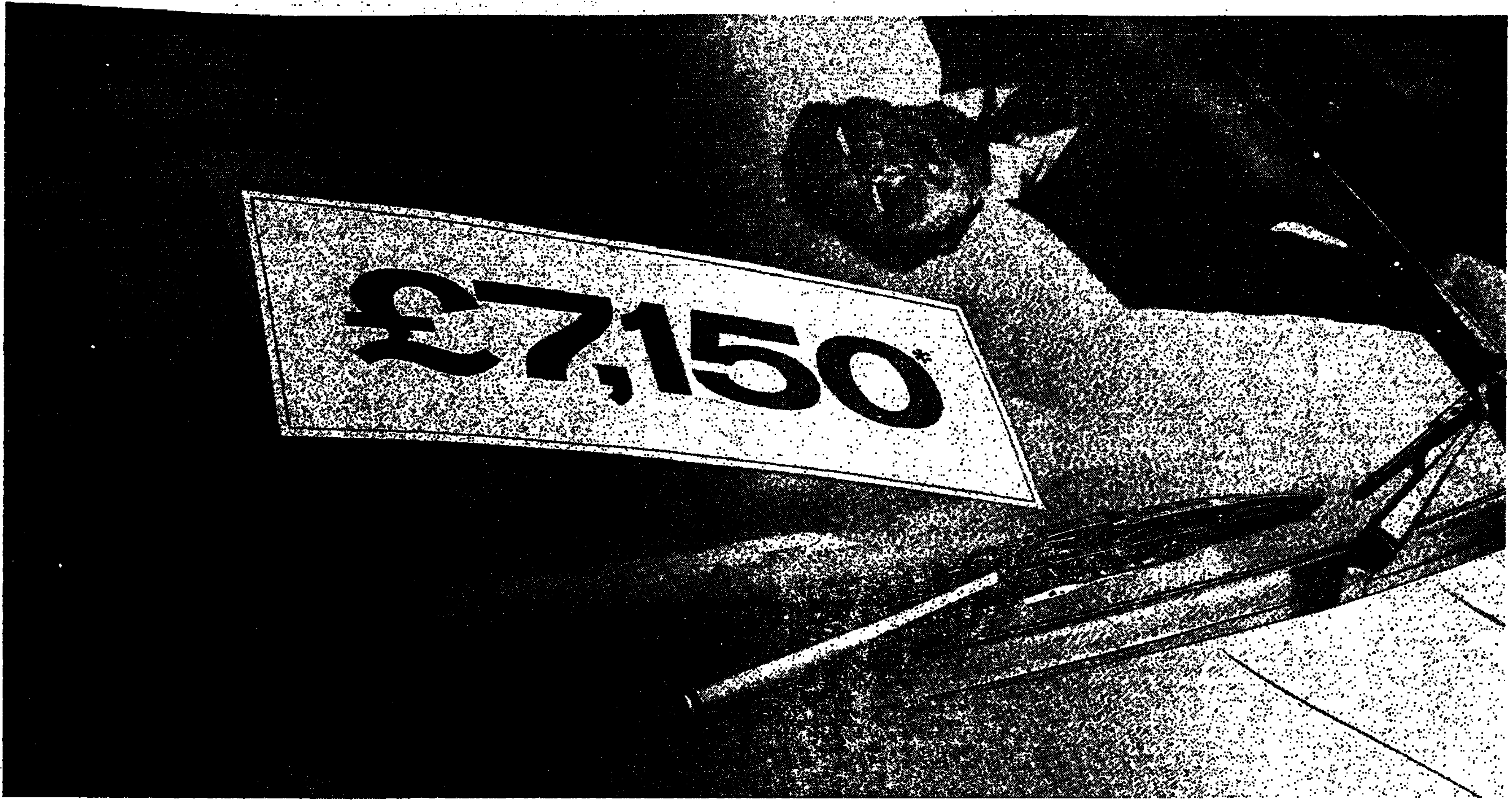

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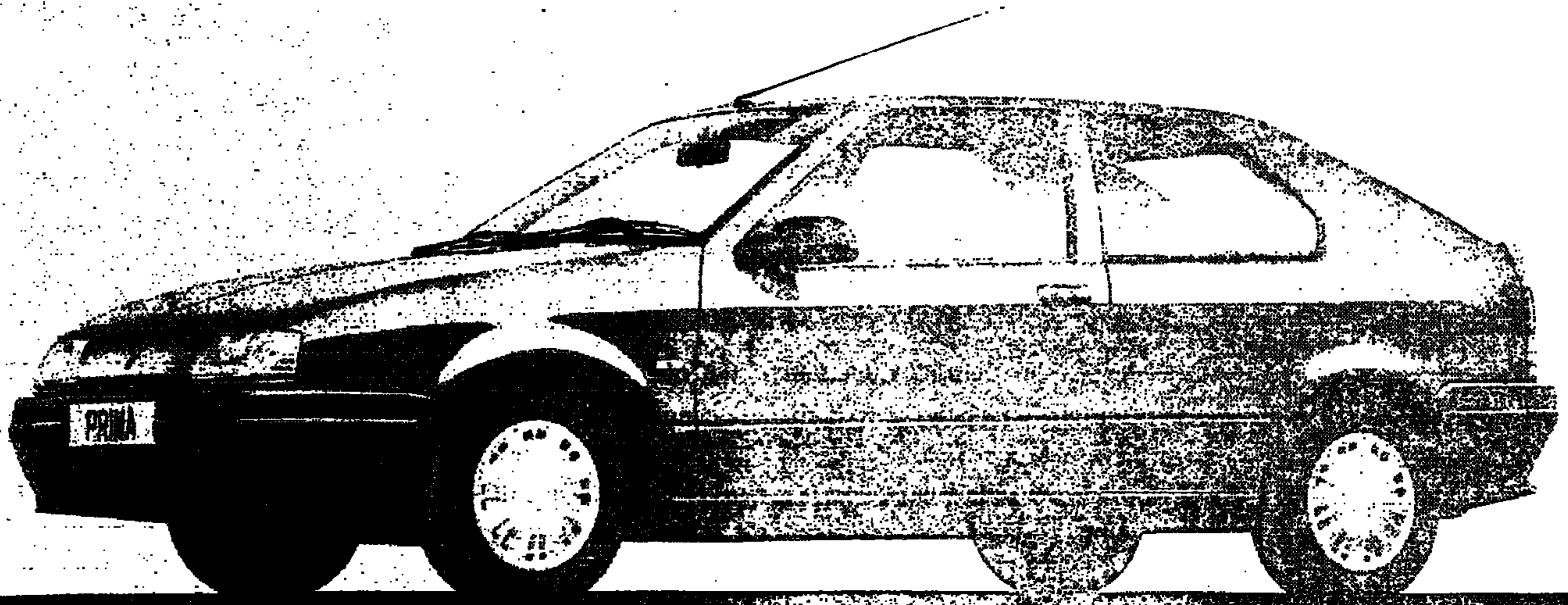

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15,000 jobs in manufactures 'being lost every month'

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

MANUFACTURING employment in Britain will fall below five million this month for the first time this century, the Labour party said yesterday.

Gordon Brown, Labour's trade spokesman, said yesterday that manufacturing jobs are now being *lost at the rate of 15,000 a month* and, according to a new region-by-region survey by Labour, a total of two million jobs had been lost in manufacturing industries sincethe Conservative government came into office.

In the West Midlands there had been a 36 per cent fall since 1979 in maunufacturing employment. In the Southeast the figures was 34 per cent, in the North there had been a 32 per cent fall and in the Northwest the figure was 30 per cent.

Mr Brown said: "Now that manufacturing investment is falling in *Britain* by *15* per cent, the steepest fall for years, it is clear that Britain faces a permanent loss of manufacturing capacity as a result of the recession, ensuring that British manufacturing is smaller in size not just than those of Germany, France and Italy but of countries as small as countries like Brazil".

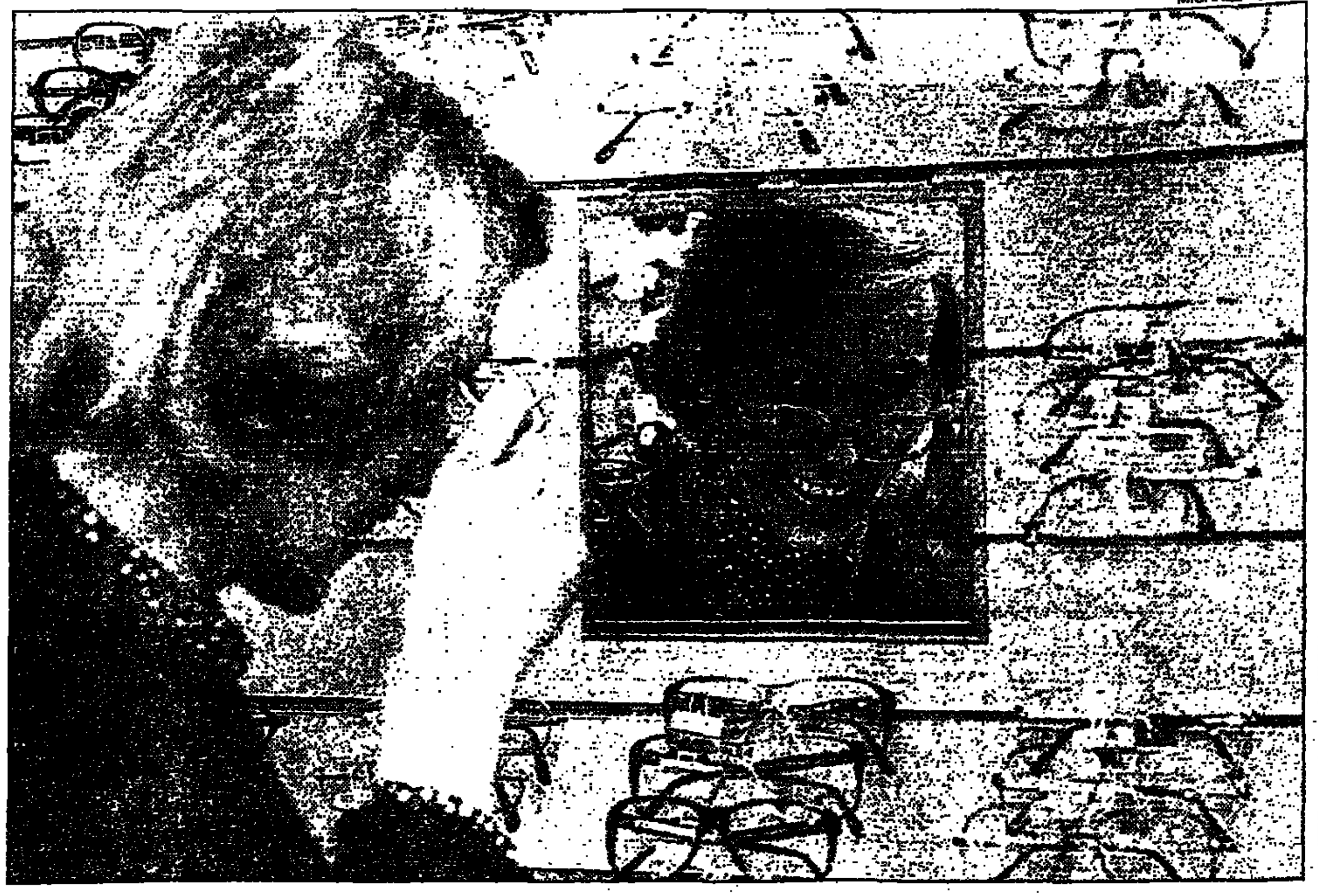
Labour will publish a document next week setting out the party's policies for manufacturing industry. In an Opposition debate on the subject in the Commons last night Mr Brown called for a four-point programme which he said was essential to the future size and success of the manufacturing sector.

He added that there must be a further cut in interest rates and a Budget on March 19 that included investment incentives for manufacturing industry, especially for new *technology. In addition,* the Labour spokesman called for moves to boost industrial training and technology and for balanced economic growth fostered by a modern regional policy.

As the government extends its lead in national opinion polls *Labour is increasingly seeking to* focus attention on the Conservative *economic record. Last* night's debate marked the third week in succession during which Labour has used debates to focus on aspects of the recession which it insists is a British-made product fashioned in Downing Street and peculiar to the UK.

Complaining that the trade and industry department had become the "do-nothing department", Mr Brown said that Britain was now the only European country simultaneously cutting both the industrial and training budgets. It was the logical conclusion of the *government's policies* that the only expanded item in the departmental budget produced last week by the department, he said, was the provision for the insolvency service.

MICHAEL POWELL



Eye to eye: The health minister, Virginia Bottomley, trying on spectacles in London yesterday to launch a free sight tests campaign

Advisers who have ambitions of their own

By RICHARD FORD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TWENTY-two special advisers *have been appointed throughout* Whitehall to help ministers as political aides at the heart of their departments. Almost every member of the *cabinet* has a special adviser and in the larger departments they are being appointed to help junior ministers.

Cliff Grantham started work in the *Home Office* this week as an adviser to John Patten and Angela Rumbold who are both ministers of state. He took over from John Taylor, who left the department on his selection as Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate for Cheltenham. In Whitehall, *it is expected* that additional special advisers will be appointed at other departments, including the Treasury and the trade and industry department.

Like other special advisers, Mr Grantham knows how Whitehall operates, having worked for a Westminster-based political consultancy and with Conservative backbench MPs. Unlike many, he does not have a backgground steeped in the ancient universities and the research department of Conservative Central Office. Mr Grantham, aged 29, took a degree in politics at Hull University and trained initially as a journalist.

As well as being a channel of communication between a minister and his party, special advisers can provide political and expert advice. They can advise on non-departmental matters that are going to cabinet, help with presenting policy — and the minister — and offer policy options additional to those prepared by the career civil servants.

David Lidington, aged 34, the Cambridge-educated special adviser to Douglas Hurd until he became prospective parliamentary candidate for Aylesbury, said: "Advisers are important in reminding ministers that they need to watch how they present their policies to the domestic audience and to ensure that they do not become submerged in a department's own priorities".

How much influence they wield over policy is impossible to estimate and depends on their relationship *with* the minister. Career civil servants, special advisers say, keep a close eye on the relationship and exploit for their own advantage any sign of a minister's losing confidence in his adviser. An adviser's influence also depends on what role the minister is prepared to give him or her. One said: "Some ministers want little more than a public relations merchant to advise them on how they look on television; others want them to write the party political speeches that civil servants do not do. But there are those who want advice on policy."

Special advisers are paid civil servants but their appointments are political and must be approved by the prime minister. Their background is often similar: Oxford or Cambridge and experience in Conservative central office. Some admit privately that a clique of old boy network advisers has developed. The advisers even meet in the Cabinet Office at the same time as the cabinet meets each Thursday.

Defenders of the system argue that it is inevitable that such a small group of people should become a clique. "Of course we are a clique. We should all work together, ensuring that the government's policies get over to the public. Special advisers must remember that they are working to ensure the re-election of the Conservative government," one adviser said.

At the weekly meetings, conversation inevitably turns on occasion to the quest for a safe Tory seat. Charles Hendry, former special adviser to Tony Newton, the social security secretary, has been been selected as prospective parliamentary candidate for High Peak and Judith Chaplin, special adviser to John Major when he was chancellor, has been chosen for the safe seat of Newbury.

Edward Bickham, aged 34, who has returned to Whitehall for his second period as a special adviser to Douglas Hurd, is also looking for a safe seat. One of several advisers to have been picked from the Conservative research department, he served with James Prior at the Northern Ireland Office and remained with his successor, Douglas Hurd, at Stormont and the Home Office. He left to become director of corporate affairs at BSB, returning to work in Whitehall four weeks ago.

Others are not sure about their future. One adviser said: "One attraction of the job is that you can examine the vicissitudes of political life and see whether it is what you want".

Decision on tank order is delayed

The government has delayed a decision whether to order the Challenger II main battle tank to replace the ageing Chieftain. Alan Clark, the defence procurement minister, told MPs during question time that it would not be realistic to take such a decision at present and it was sensible to defer it.

He made clear that the government would be watching the performance of rivals to the Vickers-built Challenger in the Gulf and it would not be prudent to make any decision until after the Gulf war.

£3bn war cost

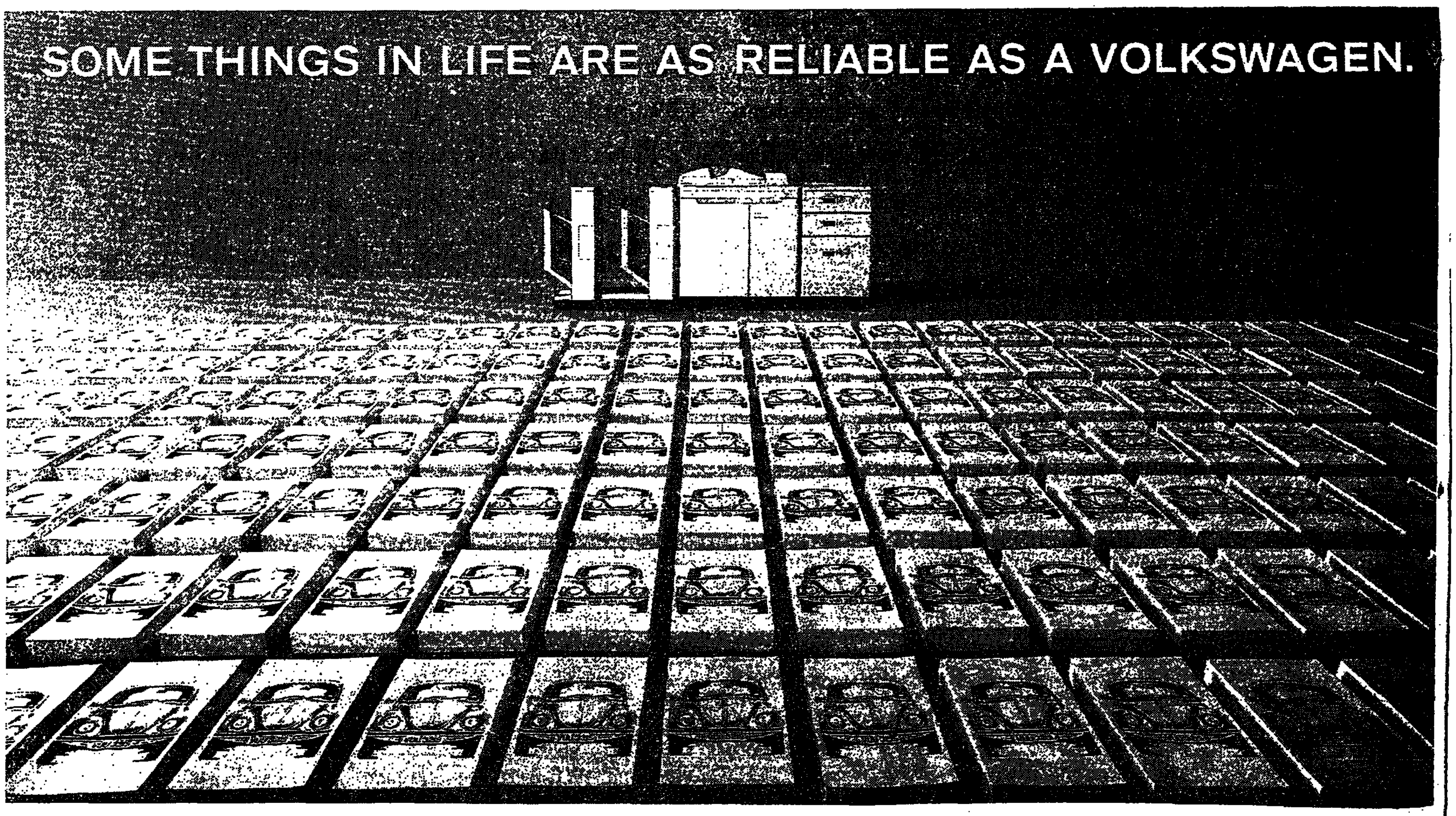
The government expects more financial help from other countries towards the cost of the Gulf war, Tom King, defence secretary, said at question time. He said that the Japanese government was keen to show its appreciation. Allied and other nations had so far promised £1.25 billion while support from the host nations was worth £200 million. The government expected the eventual cost of the war to Britain to be £3 billion.

Two new peers

Two new peers were introduced in the House of Lords. Sir Hector Laing, the industrialist and former adviser to Margaret Thatcher, was introduced as Lord Laing, and P.D. James, the thriller writer, was introduced as Lady James of Holland Park.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Trade and industry. Criminal Justice bill, report, first day. Lords (2.30): Debates on no-fault compensation for medical injuries and on the performing arts.



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Ministers are in fever of indecision, MPs told

By PETER MULLIGAN AND JOHN WINDER

THE government was accused yesterday by Bryan Gould, shadow environment secretary, of being in a fever of indecision over its poll tax review. In a Commons debate he ridiculed as a "twin tax torture" proposals disclosed in *The Times* for reform involving a charge on floor space with a personal premium included.

Michael Heseltine, environment secretary, said the review had been under way for just a few weeks and it was unrealistic to assume that the government would come to conclusions about so complex a matter in so short a time.

He made the expected announcement that service personel posted in the Gulf would not have to pay poll tax and that compensation would be paid to local authorities whose income was badly affected by this concession.

Mr Gould moved a motion calling on the government to introduce legislation to abolish the poll tax and he called on Tory MPs for their support. "Disenchantment with the poll tax now runs wide and deep in the Tory party."

He described Mr Heseltine as the most notorious of the Tory poll tax dissidents but there could be no doubt where he stood now. "He stands in a fever of indecision. He is assailed by contradictory advice from all sides. He seems to lack the political will or the political skill to persuade his colleagues that any single one of his ideas could conceivably work." Mr Heseltine, he added, would like to stand for abolition of the poll tax, but where he stood was a good deal less comfortable — usually on his head and with alarming frequency.

The environment secretary had accepted that the transitional relief scheme for the tax was flawed by being based on invented figures. Yet his revised community charge reduction scheme was flawed in the same way.

"Many thousands of people who have been led to believe that they will benefit from that scheme will find that they are excluded.

"They will find as the real figures become apparent — and in some cases they are nearly £100 per head higher than that assumed figure — that every penny they will have to pay themselves."

Their anger and sense of injustice would this time befelt even more keenly because of their raised and then dashed expectations. "Many of them will feel that they have been taken for a ride by the secretary of state and his government."

Mr Gould continued: "He falls far short of the action he promised when he was seeking the Tory party leadership. He is bogged down in a review whose purpose and timing has become shrouded in mystery."

Any solution which retained the poll tax would be unacceptable, not least to scores of Tory MPs. Turning to the proposals disclosed in *The Times*, Mr Gould said their main purpose was to meet the demands of Tory ideologues fighting to the death to maintain the principle of the poll tax.

He characterised it as a new property tax added to a lower poll tax or head tax. The problems would be multiplied many times over. The proposal was shot through with anomalies. Floor space was the crudest measure and bore little relationship to the ability to pay.

"It is two taxes dressed up as one. A twin tax torture", he said. "It is a head tax and a floor tax rolled into one: a catch you at both ends tax, a top and toe tax. It counts the number of bedrooms you have in the house and then adds in the number of people who eat breakfast: a bed and breakfast tax."

The Labour motion provided the opportunity for Tory MPs who had openly expressed or secretly harboured hostility to the poll tax to make sure Mr Heseltine's hand was strengthened and that a clear massage was sent to the cabinet.

Mr Heseltine said that service personnel and associated civilians posted to the Gulf should not have to pay the personal community charge during their posting. He welcomed Opposition support for any necessary legislation. The concession did not apply to those engaged in normal pursuit of their careers as merchant seamen.

"We are dealing with those involved in the Gulf endeavour and we have to ringfence those arrangements."

He was also concerned with the situation of local authorities for which servicemen represented a significant proportion of their charge-payers. The government had therefore produced a scheme to provide grants to those authorities most affected to compensate them for loss of income.

He was the first to recognise that as the community charge reduction scheme he had announced some time ago had to take into account the level of community charge set for next year, it was not possible in advance of that to be precise as to the exact quantification of benefit that would fall to individual charge-payers in each local authority.

In gross terms, about £1.7 billion would go to about 18 million people.

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Gould: ridiculed Heseltine's "twin tax torture"

Farming cuts on the way

THE taxpayer was getting a poor deal out of Europe's common agriculture policy (CAP) and farmers would have to accept cuts in their prices in order to curb budgetary costs, John Gummer, agriculture minister, told the Commons agriculture select committee yesterday (Michael Hornsby writes).

Mr Gummer said that the 30 per cent overall cut in subsidies proposed by the EC during the stalled Gatt talks last December were "at the edge" of what the farming community could reasonably be expected to accept.

He believed that UK farmers could survive a 30 per cent cut in subsidies, but it would have to be applied equally to all farmers in the EC. The proposals by Raymond MacSharry, the agriculture commissioner, were unacceptable because they would place the main burden of the cuts on the most efficient farmers.

Mr Gummer, pressed by the committee to say how he would like to see the CAP developing, said that financial assistance should be available to encourage farmers who could not compete either to amalgamate their holdings to form larger units or to accept early retirement. He would also like to see increased subsidies to hill farmers.

S Africa link backed

By JOHN WINDER

THE time has come to restore sporting links with South Africa in the areas where there has been proper integration of sport within the republic, John Major said at questions.

"That is a matter I have discussed with other Commonwealth leaders, and I hope to take it forward."

John Carlisle, Conservative MP for Luton North, who has long urged restoration of sporting links, asked if Mr Major had been encouraged by last weekend's meeting of Commonwealth foreign ministers "which virtually saw the beginning of the end of the infamous Gleneagles agreement? Will he take further initiatives to restore British-South African sporting relations?"

He said that in "these terrible times" one thing that had given much pleasure to many people, particularly our troops in the Gulf, had been last Saturday's comprehensive English rugby victory. "We should begin to think about providing them with real opposition, *which can now* only come from South Africa."

The prime minister said that he was not sure that Scottish troops would agree about the rugby international.

Property tax seems to be likely answer

By TONY TRAVERS

A PROPERTY tax appears to be emerging as the government's favoured replacement for the doomed community charge. *Despite efforts* by civil servants to find something new, ministers are being forced back into the familiar territory of a property-based income source for local government.

The ministerial review team are unlikely — and this is no criticism — to have turned up much that has not been examined before. After years of search for a new way of paying for local government, it would have been surprising if officials had now been able to produce an effective and previously unconsidered option.

Having got back more or less to where they had started, ministers are now trying to find a way of making a new property tax look a bit less unpalatable. In recent days, a number of ideas have been floated in the newspapers.

The first idea seems to be a new basis for the property tax. The old system used rental values as the tax base. Michael Heseltine's replacement could use either the floorspace of a property or its selling price as the basis of calculation. It is unlikely that floorspace alone would be used, as a luxury Belgravia mews cottage would end up paying the same local tax as a glum terraced house in north Paddington. Such a tax base would almost certainly have to be weighted in some way.

By weighting floorspace to take account of local factors, the tax base for each property would almost certainly come close to reflecting the capital values of properties. As a tax base, house prices have the advantage that there is an enormous amount of evidence to be had. Moreover, the price of housing is widely understood and would probably be seen as being a broadly fair indicator.

The second idea floated recently has been the possibility of having bands of valuation for the new local property tax. Instead of each property having its own, possibly unique, value, there might be four or five bands of valuation. Tiny cottages and flats would be in the lowest band, paying perhaps £150 to £200 per year, while mansions might pay £500 or more each.

Banding of the tax base could make it simpler for local authorities to create and maintain. Perhaps 20 or 25 per cent of all properties would fall in each band, with most people in an area having a pretty good idea of whether or not their own property fell in a particular band.

On the other hand, banding would lead to arguments as to whether apparently similar properties should fall in the upper or lower bands. Also, there would be likely to be big differences between properties in the top band. New kinds of *unfairness* would be born.

Mr Heseltine's third idea is to have an add-on for each adult within a property. Reports suggest that the householder would be responsible for paying both the new property tax and these additional adult-based payments. At a stroke, the cost of collecting the flat-rate tax would be transferred to householders.

It would be possible to reduce administrative costs still further by making each householder declare how many adults live in their particular property. There could even, as an incentive, be a slight reduction in the householder's own property tax bill for each adult declared.

Ministers have latched on to *householder*-based collection (and conceivably registration) of a small poll tax as a way of allowing Conservative backbenchers to claim that the "everyone pays" principle of the community charge has been preserved while reducing the prohibitive administrative costs of the community charge.

It appears that the environment department has been rushed by constant pressures from MPs into floating its preliminary ideas. Tory members are embarrassed by being in precisely the same position now that Labour was in last year: their officials are desperately going through a limited range of options in an attempt to find a workable system while the other parties jeer from the sidelines.

If a property tax does emerge as the final choice, with or without a flat-rate add-on, several further questions will then have to be answered.

For a start, will control over business rates be returned to local government? Second, will the new grant system be reformed so as to compensate local authorities that have relatively small tax bases under the new valuation base? Third, would there need to be new transitional arrangements?

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'Local lad' of Wakefield tells of agonising decision over senior post

Hope chosen to become next Bishop of London

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

Dr Hope: will be seen as continuing the strongly catholic tradition of the London diocese

DR DAVID Hope, Bishop of Wakefield, was nominated yesterday as the next Bishop of London, the third most senior position in the hierarchy of the Church of England. Dr Hope, who will succeed Dr Graham Leonard, said that the decision to accept the job was one of the most difficult and agonising of his life.

Dr Hope is one of the few men capable of leading one of the church's most divided dioceses through the controversy over women priests, due to be voted on by the General Synod next year. He said that it took him more than week to decide to accept the post.

"I was really very happy in West Yorkshire," he said. "Wakefield is the place where I was born and bred. I was a local lad made good. I had begun to plan forward in the diocese for the decade of evangelism. I am very reluctant to leave all that behind."

He will not be as outspoken an opponent of women priests as Dr Leonard, but he has reservations. He said that technically the question of women priests was being tackled the wrong way round. The church should "plunge in at the deep end" and make a woman bishop first.

He said that he had not decided which way to vote and was determined to maintain unity. "I hope that I shall as bishop be able to remain in communion with all my people. I think there will be a great deal of pain on either side, whichever way the decision goes."

He is firmly behind the allied effort in the Gulf. "I have to say as a Christian that I think the resort to war at the end of the day is a failure." But he added: "On the other hand you have to live in the real world. I do believe if you look at the present reasons why we are at war, I believe we are involved in a war which is a just war."

Although he will undoubtedly be seen as continuing the strongly catholic tradition of the London diocese, he says that he is not extremist but a "fairly ordinary Anglican in the catholic tradition". He went to Wakefield from All Saints, in the West End, a leading centre of Anglo-catholic worship in London. Dr Leonard, a leader of Anglo-catholicism, preached at his consecration in York Minster in October 1985. Dr Hope said: "I have a high regard for the evangelical point of view. In many places the charismatic renewal has brought new life, new vigour and a real enthusiasm for the gospel."

Dr Leonard, who retires as Bishop of London in May, said: "I pray that he will be given wisdom and strength for such a demanding post. His proven qualities of personal devotion, sensitive pastoral care and theological insight will be exercised to the full in a diocese in which the pressures of secularism are very evident." The Ven Derek Hayward, London diocesan secretary, said that Dr Hope had a difficult job ahead of him. "I think he will be the sort of man we are looking for in London. He is very open."

Dr Hope responded in typically frank manner when congratulated on his appointment. He said: "Do you mean congratulations or commiserations?" His chaplain, Timothy Thornton, said: "He's straightfoward and blunt and that endears him to many people. He's popular and has always had a big pastoral heart."

Dr Hope, aged 50 and a former chorister at Wakefield cathedral, was appointed to the see of Wakefield in 1985 and was one of the youngest bishops in recent times. He is a close friend of Dr George Carey, Archbishop-designate of Canterbury. They are both members of a small group of about seven young, new bishops that meets regularly for prayer, meditation and discussion.

He has taken a close interest in hospices, Relate's work with married couples, and education. He played a forceful role in healing the wounds in Wakefield after the miners' strike. He was instrumental in setting up an ecumenical housing association in Calderdale, which has 6,000 people on the housing waiting list and an unemployment rate that has recently risen to more than 8 per cent.

The Rev Peter Calvert, rural dean of Calder Valley and vicar of Todmorden, West Yorkshire, said that he was made desolate by the news. "We'll be tremendously sorry to lose him. I shall remember him from the way he spent so much time in the parishes with folk like us. He'll go into the cowshed with his wellies as happily as he'll mix with the top layers of society. We wanted to keep him north of the Trent, where all good Yorkshiremen should be.

"All we can say now is that a good bit of Yorkshire common sense will once more be finding its way to the London diocese."

Sinn Fein man 'in plot to kill police informer'

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

DANNY Morrison, the former publicity director of the IRA's political wing, Sinn Fein, was seen by soldiers as he emerged from a house where an IRA man who worked as a police informer was being interrogated in preparation for being shot, Belfast crown court was told yesterday.

At the opening of Mr Morrison's trial, the prosecution said that soldiers positioned behind the house, 124 Carrigart Avenue in west Belfast, would identify as Mr Morrison a man they saw emerging just before police broke in.

"When he [Mr Morrison] realised that the security forces had secured the rear, he made his way into 126, a family and home with which he had no connection whatsoever," John Creaney, QC, for the prosecution, said.

Mr Morrison's demeanour and activity while at 126 had amounted to verification that he had been in the house next door and had been party to the interrogation and to a conspiracy to murder, Mr Creaney said.

Mr Morrison, aged 38, from Belfast, and seven other defendants deny falsely imprisoning Alexander Joseph Lynch and of conspiring with others to murder him between January 4 and January 8, last year.

A total of ten defendants were in the dock on various charges at the start of a complex trial in which, the crown said, it will attempt to show that the house at Carrigart Avenue had been used in an earlier interrogation by the IRA of a man later found shot dead in 1989, and that this pattern was to be repeated with Mr Lynch.

Mr Morrison, former head of the Sinn Fein press office, sat cracking jokes and smiling at friends in the public gallery as the charges were read out before Sir Brian Hutton, Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, sitting without a jury. Police enforced tight security outside the court for the trial of one of the most senior and best-known Sinn Fein figures in 20 years.

Describing events before Mr Morrison's arrest, Mr Creaney said that after police and soldiers had arrived at the Carrigart Avenue house on January 7 and been refused entry, they had burst into the property and had found six of the defendants with Mr Lynch, who had been "dishevelled and in a very frightened condition".

Mr Creaney said that Mr Lynch, whom he described as an IRA intelligence officer who had served several terms in prison, had also been an informant for the police for a "considerable time".

Mr Lynch would tell the court that he had been taken to the house on January 5 by two members of the Belfast brigade of the IRA, on what he had thought was a mission to check out the movements of a possible target.

"He will describe how, when he arrived in that house, he was suddenly seized after he had gone up the stairs, was brought into the bedroom, stripped of some of his clothing, bound and his eyes were covered with bandages and cotton wool," Mr Creaney said.

Mr Lynch had then been subjected to a detailed body search using a metal detector and it had been made clear to him that this was not a routine security debriefing, but the start of an interrogation on the basis that he was an informer. This had culminated in Mr Lynch making a written confession and, ultimately, a taped confession in which he had described his activities as an informer and the money he had received from police, and in which he had pleaded for mercy.

"He will make it clear that he was put under no illusion that he was to be murdered ... for being an informer," Mr Creaney said.

It had been late on the third day of Mr Lynch's ordeal, while he was waiting for the IRA leadership to pass sentence on him, that Mr Lynch had heard police Land Rovers arriving outside the house. Mr Lynch's blindfold had immediately been taken off and he had recognised one of his interrogators as the defendant John Anthony Murray, aged 39, from Belfast, whom he would describe as an operations officer for the Belfast brigade of the IRA, who was pulling a tape from an audio cassette used for the confession.

"He [Mr Lynch] will say Murray told him they were there to take him to a press conference, and he was to go downstairs and watch TV and keep his mouth shut," Mr Creaney said.

The trial continues today.

Morrison: denies holding alleged informer captive

British aid to India 'inadequate and shabby'

By MICHAEL McCARTHY
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE Indian environment minister Maneka Gandhi has attacked British aid policy to India, suggesting that it is for Britain's benefit rather than India's, is shabby in the goods it provides, and is inadequate.

Her criticism came during a debate on Monday night at the Oxford Union, exceeding accepted diplomatic bounds and angering two British ministers who were opposing her in the debate, Anthony Baldry, the junior environment minister, and David Heathcoat-Amory, his counterpart at the energy department.

Lynda Chalker, the overseas development minister, said yesterday: "I am absolutely amazed by what appears to be an ill-informed and wholly unjustified attack on Britain's long-standing aid partnership with India. I am looking urgently into what Mrs Gandhi is reported as having said." The implication was that a formal protest to the Indian government was being considered.

Speaking to the motion "This house believes that Western governments are ignoring the environmental catastrophe of the Third World", Mrs Gandhi said that they were actively promoting it by their aid, loan, and trade policies.

Britain's largest single aid pledge of £131 million, she said, had resulted in GEC building a power station for an aluminium plant, which meant that India's own leading electrical construction company lay idle. Westland Helicopters had been forced on India with a threat of aid being withdrawn, and had now been "thrown on the scrap heap without being used", she said. India had asked for £243 million to help to phase out CFCs and Britain had pledged only £6.5 million.

Mrs Gandhi told her audience in the debate, sponsored by *The Times* and Shell UK, that the $50 billion (£25 billion) of Western aid to Third World governments did *not go towards development of the* poor. "It serves strategic, economic, political, and military interests of the West. It is used effectively for getting cheap imports from the Third World made through over-exploitation of their natural resources and their cheap labour, and to export to them irrelevant goods."

The Overseas Development Administration said yesterday that it was surprised that Mrs Gandhi should directly attack the British aid programme, of which India was by far the largest single recipient. It received £99 million annually out of a bilateral aid budget of £940 million.

GPs to lead attack on causes of early death

By NICHOLAS WOOD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR NHS managers yesterday identified family doctors as the key elements in the government's proposed campaign to tackle the main causes of premature deaths such as heart disease and cancer.

Duncan Nichol, the health service's chief executive, said that if progress was to be made in creating a healthier country, a substantial proportion of the gains would come from the efforts of GPs.

Mr Nichol's comments to a family health services conference in Harrogate coincided with the publication of a paper from the NHS management executive aimed at forging a closer partnership between general practice and the hospital service.

They also came against the background of well advanced plans from William Waldegrave, the health secretary, to release a green paper over Easter setting national targets for the NHS. GPs will be expected to play a central role in achieving these targets by monitoring more closely the lifestyles of their patients.

Mr Waldegrave's approach was endorsed yesterday in the Commons by John Major, who said that it was becoming clear that the health reforms were leading to remarkable improvements in preventive medicine.

The management executive's paper identifies primary care as the sector in which "the majority of disease prevention and health promotion" can take place.

The paper urges closer collaboration between regional and local health authorities to deliver an integrated health care system, linking prevention and treatment and primary and secondary care. It should embrace hospitals and family doctors, pharmacists, dentists and opticians.

Drug experiments on foetuses 'could help premature babies'

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

DRUG experiments on foetuses that are about to be aborted should be allowed to help research into the deaths of premature babies, a leading specialist said yesterday.

The experiments would give insights that were otherwise inaccessible into the main cause of death among premature infants, David Baird, professor of reproductive endocrinology at Edinburgh university, said at the Royal Society in London.

If a woman seeking the termination of her pregnancy agreed to be given drugs before the procedure, the research should be regarded as ethically valid, Professor Baird said. Such studies are banned at present under professional guidelines, which Professor Baird said were impractical and would curb important medical research.

Doctors involved in terminations were prevented from studying the aborted foetus although they were often best placed to investigate the causes of abnormal foetal development, he said.

Professor Baird argued the case for fewer restrictions during a Royal Society symposium on the ethical issues surrounding research involving human genes and embryos. Most premature babies who die have respiratory distress syndrome, a condition in which their lungs are immature and lack a group of chemicals that help them function. The sequence of events leading to lung immaturity could be altered by corticosteroid drugs, which replaced natural hormones, Professor Baird said. "I believe it would be perfectly valid to give a dose of these drugs to a woman about to have a termination of her pregnancy, and look at the effects on the aborted foetus."

The establishment of a national ethics committee to investigate the dilemmas posed by such issues was supported by a majority of British scientists. Sir David Weatherall, professor of clinical medicine at Oxford university told the meeting.

- The first patient treated by gene therapy is making good progress, according to an American research worker (Nigel Hawkes writes).

The patient, a girl aged four, is being treated for a rare genetic deficiency that destroys the body's ability to fight off infections. Five months after the revolutionary therapy began she is showing improved immune function, Michael Blaese told the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Washington.

The girl was born without the gene responsible for producing an enzyme called adenosine deaminase (ADA). Without ADA, toxins build up in the bloodstream, killing the cells which otherwise would fight off infections. ADA deficient children are constantly ill; most die by the age of two.

Dr Blaese and his colleague Dr W French Anderson have treated the girl by removing some of her white blood cells, inserting into them the gene for ADA, multiplying them in the laboratory and then transfusing the modified cells back into the patient's bloodstream.

PAUL HACKETT

Night watchman: Edwin Gatehouse, one of many farmers around Buttonoak, a village on the border of Shropshire and Hereford and Worcester, who are mounting armed patrols after a spate of attacks at night in which dogs have killed and injured sheep (Craig Seton *writes*). Farmers are particularly concerned that the attacks are happening in the lambing season. The killing of a ewe at Mr Gatehouse's 150-acre farm is the latest incident and he said that he feared worse could come as 300 ewes were due to lamb in the next six weeks. "They are at their most vulnerable," he said. "Even if a dog does not actually attack, it can cause distress or even abortions. This is the fifth year running we have had to endure this kind of attack." He added that the farmers would not hesitate to shoot any dog seen among sheep.

Television bodies clash on ruling

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

A RULING by the Broadcasting Complaints Commission against TSW's *Politics South West* programme was likely to confuse broadcasters and the public about the rules on political balance, the Independent Television Commission said.

It is the first time the ITC or its predecessor, the Independent Broadcasting Authority, has publicly disagreed with an adjudication by the BCC. It accused the BCC of deliberately contradicting established ITC policy, prompting a "regulatory clash" which could not be in viewers' interests.

The programme, which concentrated on Labour and Conservative prospective parliamentary candidates in Falmouth and Camborne, prompted a complaint from the local Liberal Democrats because they were not mentioned. The BCC ruled that TSW treated them unfairly.

The ITC said that the ruling went far beyond the BCC's remit. The programme, prompted by the selection of a prospective Labour candidate, had not contravened ITC guidelines. "It is legitimate, in such a report in the mid-term of parliament, to concentrate on the prospects of individual candidates. The broadcasting act and the ITC guidelines on due impartiality permit a series of such reports to be considered as a whole," the ITC said.

A spokesman added: "The type of balancing needed at election time was not required here. We are concerned that this will send out confusing messages to programme makers and the public as to what *constitutes political* balance."

A BCC spokesman said: "We are required by parliament to make findings on individual and specific complaints about programmes that have been broadcast. We are not challenging ITC established policy."

Toy collectors boil over as motoring giant takes its marques

By JOE JOSEPH

PERHAPS it was when some toy cars started selling for more than the limousines on which they were modelled that General Motors decided the time had come to levy royalties on the companies, such as Matchbox, that make them. Millions of loyal collectors are honking with fury at the proposed surcharge on what will be the most subcompact Cadillacs and Buicks in the GM range.

Children seem happy if they get a new Dinky car now and then. But real adult enthusiasts apparently buy every new miniature model that comes out. They are worried that they may not have enough pocket money if General Motors gets its way and other big carmakers follow in its tracks.

GM, the world's biggest carmaker, must be shocked at the reaction to its plan to demand royalties on model cars. The company has been called a bully. Its critics have even invoked the Gulf war. Kevin McGimpsey, curator of the Chester Toy Museum and head of the Matchbox Collectors' Club, which has 8,000 members around the world, was shocked to hear of GM's plan.

"For goodness sake, there's the Gulf war going on and people are being killed all over the place and all GM can think about is royalties on a few toy cars," he said. "It's a pretty sad state of affairs if GM have to resort to this kind of measure to turn a bad year into a good one. Don't they realise what good advertising it is? Kids who play with a toy car might buy the same model, but a real one, when they grow up. I think it's very short-sighted to adopt this attitude.

"If this thing goes ahead it could knock the toy car business on the head. Nobody, especially small manufacturers, are going to take the risk of making models if they might end up being sued by GM," he said.

Toy cars might be a joke to most adults and a source of regret to those who those who put theirs in a dustbin rather than an auction house, but they are taken seriously by collectors. Alison Kurke, who arranges three sales a year of miniature cars at Sotheby's, says that rare models can fetch up to £30,000. The Chester Toy Museum has 11,000.

GM wants a slice of the cake. "This is a profitable business that we can benefit from," Kenneth Enborg, the company's trademark lawyer told the *Wall Street Journal* in Detroit.

Mr Enborg knows that many toy companies are having a hard time in the recession. And, having collected toy cars himself as a child, he says he is not out to kill the industry. But Mr Enborg sounds as though he lost his sense of fun and the art of plain speaking some while ago. Asked if he was a spoilsport, he replied stiffly: "To destroy the hobby is antithetical to what we want to do."

The backlash might hit General Motors harder than Mr Enborg thinks. Christian Pamp, a German collector with 5,000 toy cars and 25 real ones, says GM's greed prompted him to cancel an order for a real GM Pontiac Grand Prix and buy a Ford Thunderbird instead.

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Woolf report to urge prison disciplinary system change

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE criminal courts rather than prison boards of visitors should adjudicate on the most serious offences committed by prisoners, the report on the Strangeways riot will recommend.

The report, which follows the enquiry by Lord Justice Woolf, is expected to be published on Monday. The proposal on serious offences by prisoners comes at a time of widespread dissatisfaction with the disciplinary system, which the report says should be scrapped in its present form.

Many groups, ranging from justices' clerks to members of the Penal Affairs Consortium — a group of 18 organisations — have been concerned that boards of visitors have wide powers to punish prisoners, yet they sit in private without many of the usual safeguards of judicial tribunals.

There has been pressure to replace the present system by a disciplinary tribunal with a circuit judge as president, which would be run along judicial lines. All the objections to the present system, however, would be met equally well by giving the courts the task of adjudicating, as happens in Scotland.

Paul Cavadino, senior research officer at the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, said that it was disturbing that hearings that could result in substantial further imprisonment lacked many of the basic standards found in courts and tribunals. "A non-judicial body should not be able to impose penalties involving lengthy deprivation of liberty," he said.

Boards of visitors have power to order loss of 120 days' remission, equivalent to an eight-month prison sentence. Consecutive penalties may also be imposed, resulting in loss of up to 180 days' remission. Hearings before the boards, however, are private. There is no legally trained person to advise on law and procedure; prisoners are rarely allowed legal help; calling witnesses and cross-examination require the board's permission; and there is no appeal apart from petitioning the home secretary.

Overwhelming support for abolishing the disciplinary system under boards of visitors has come most recently from justices' clerks who took part in a Home Office pilot scheme set up in 13 prisons in 1989. The aim was to see how internal disciplinary hearings run by boards of visitors might be improved by the help of justices' clerks, who are legally-qualified.

An informal report compiled by one of the clerks and sent to the Woolf enquiry indicates a view that the boards should not adjudicate on disciplinary charges. It was strongly felt that the boards' dual role as a disciplinary body and channel for prisoners' grievances caused considerable difficulty.

JOHN MANNING

Serious bids: in front of a tapestry that once hung in Polly Peck's Mayfair headquarters, the buyers concentrate on the auction

Neighbour battered to death in 16-year feud

By PAUL WILKINSON

TWO neighbours pursued a bitter feud for 16 years despite mediation by police, their MP and Lady Hayter, the wife of Britain's wartime ambassador in Washington, who lived nearby.

Eventually David Goulding, a bricklayer aged 60, battered Kenneth Smith to death with a pickaxe handle, Oxford crown court was told yesterday. Goulding, also aged 60, of Stanton St John, near Oxford, denied murder but pleaded guilty to manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsiblity. He was jailed for two years.

Mr Justice Simon Brown warned the dead man's son, Adrian, not to seek revenge: "He must on no account seek to take the law into his own hands."

Mr Nicholas Jarman, QC, for the prosecution, said there had frequently been trouble between the two families, some of which ended in court. Smith had been drunk on May 21 last year, the day he died, and another row broke out. It ended when Goulding went berserk and killed him.

Mr Ian Alexander, QC, defending, said Goulding had suffered years of abuse and sexual offensiveness aimed at his wife. "You are dealing with a man of 60, a broken man full of remorse who may have to live for the rest of his life in fear that Adrian Smith knows where he is," he said.

Buyers bid for pieces of Polly Peck

By SARAH JANE CHECKLAND, ART MARKET CORRESPONDENT

AYSEGUL Nadir postponed her entrance until the huge pile of scatter cushions that used to adorn her husband's office had been dispersed. One by one the cushions, made from fragments of 17th century Flemish tapestries showing flowers and heraldic beasts, were knocked down, often at up to ten times the estimate.

The buyers were a determined private clientele raising their bidding batons in solemn unison. There were few dealers. The best performer was a set of three Flemish examples depicting fruit which fetched £3,000 against an estimate of £300 to £400.

Mrs Nadir, who has been married twice to Asil Nadir, the chairman of Polly Peck, waited until the passing of the George III wine cooler (£6,000 hammer price) and oyster bucket (£5,200) with which he presumably used to entertain his guests, before slipping to the back of the crowd. "This is just like any other sale," she purred.

The sale was of mainly English furniture acquired by Mr Nadir for the Berkeley Square headquarters of his Polly Peck empire, the company he transformed into a hugely successful business. Now he is on £3.5 million bail, facing 18 charges of theft and false accounting, and the administrators of his firm are desperate to raise cash.

The sale gave Phillips the kudos normally associated with its larger rivals, Sotheby's and Christie's, as around 1,000 trophy hunters crushed into the auction house. The prices were deceptive, comparing well with presale estimates, but not with the £7 million paid by Mr Nadir three or four years ago. The total hammer price was £3.5 million (£4.4 million including buyers' premium and VAT). The message was not that the market had dropped but that Mr Nadir had paid high prices.

A George II mahogany library breakfront bookcase, similar to one designed by Robert Adam in 1760, and widely considered the sale's *tour de force*, sold for £140,000 (just below estimate), compared with the £300,000 he is understood to have paid.

Harem ladies feeding pigeons in a palace courtyard by Jean Leon Gerome, which fetched £400,000 in 1989, made £315,000 yesterday. High prices included £200,000 for a George I giltwood and gesso chandelier originally from Holme Lacy in Herefordshire.

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Consultant jailed for living on clients' cash

An investment consultant who lived in luxury on £1.75 million of his clients' money was jailed yesterday for six years.

Denis Dale-Greaves, aged [illegible], of Exeter, Devon, pleaded guilty at Exeter crown court to 13 specimen charges of obtaining a total of £198,000 by deception and one charge of obtaining pecuniary advantage by deception.

Geoffrey Mercer, for the prosecution, told the court that Dale-Greaves had persuaded around 100 clients to invest a total of £1.75 million in bogus income bonds, and with the money had bought three Rolls-Royces and a £14,000 motor launch.

Fire murder

Talib Hussain, aged 24, of Middlesbrough, Cleveland, was yesterday jailed for life by Teesside crown court for murdering his wife, aged 20, at their home after tying her to a bed and setting her alight with paraffin.

Crash arrests

Ten people, most of them teenagers, were arrested yesterday in connection with the death of Leslie Parsons, aged 51, a lorry driver who was forced off the A423 at Nuneham Courtenay, Oxfordshire, while avoiding joyriders in two stolen cars.

Baby damages

Francis Renee, of Mitcham, Surrey, a mother of three, won £50,168 damages against Wandsworth health authority yesterday at the High Court. She had given birth a year after a failed sterilisation operation in 1985 at St George's hospital, Tooting.

Officer jailed

Edward Wilson, aged 49, of Eaglescliffe, Durham, a former army officer who fought in the Falklands and did three tours of service in Ulster, was jailed for five years yesterday by Teesside crown court for holding up a building society at Hurworth, Durham, last October.

Meningitis scare

All staff and pupils at St Peter's high school, Exeter, are to be innoculated against meningitis after three pupils contracted the disease last week.

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Hurd insists joint EC foreign policy cannot be rushed

From GEORGE BROCK, EUROPEAN EDITOR, IN LUXEMBOURG

EUROPE cannot create artificial common foreign policies and real ones can only evolve, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary said yesterday. In a speech outlining Britain's views on attempts at greater European integration, he said the EC needed to hold on to reality.

Although liberally sprinkled with expressions of Britain's commitment to Europe, Mr Hurd's speech displayed a traditional British reluctance to be tied down on specific measures. The key to creating joint European policies, he said, was the convergence of national interests.

He acknowledged, however, that Britain would agree to an important change in European defence institutions. Britain, he said, would support moves to place the nine-nation Western European Union under the general direction of the European Community, so linking both bodies to Nato. In the long term, this reorganisation would shift the balance of power in Nato away from the American hegemony of the post-second world war era.

The foreign secretary emphasised that the proposed changes should lead Europe to make more effort in its own defence. He pointed out the differences between contributions in the Gulf, where British forces are the second-largest national contingent, but represent only 8 per cent of the American force.

"We must reject the notion that the definition of a good European is someone who finds out what the Americans are doing in order to do something different," he said.

Mr Hurd was speaking after a meeting of European Community foreign ministers which discussed the future of the Middle East, but without detailed knowledge of President Gorbachev's message to the Iraqi government or any news of its reply.

Both Mr Hurd and Roland Dumas, his French counterpart, told their colleagues that they had agreed to keep secret details of the Soviet appeal to Baghdad. London and Paris were briefed on the Soviet initiative on Monday night. Ending the fighting in the Gulf "rests with the Iraqis", Mr Hurd said as he went into the meeting, adding that decisive proof of an Iraqi withdrawal would be needed to halt the allied bombing. In his speech last night Mr Hurd said Britain supported efforts to forge a common foreign policy for the Twelve. But he opposed any introduction of majority voting on foreign affairs, a change which several governments believe would avoid the squabbles which have bedevilled European Gulf diplomacy.

"Had majority voting been the rule in foreign policy during the last six months, some member states would have been deeply dissatisfied with the majority verdict," Mr Hurd said. During the weeks before the outbreak of war, Britain and The Netherlands were the only community countries resisting a separate European approach to Iraq. Their insistence on unanimous policy ensured that the community's position remained tied to the United Nations resolutions.

"We should not be trying to find mechanical solutions for Europe," Mr Hurd said. "We should argue first about substance and second about procedure." He described the EC as a "system built on the willing co-operation of sovereign states".

Britain is to table a draft treaty on developing EC foreign policy machinery at the inter-governmental conference this week.

Community foreign ministers held a general discussion of possible European contributions to the postwar reconstruction of the Middle East, but did not produce detailed proposals. They were also to debate EC aid to the Soviet Union, some of which has been held up in protest at Moscow's tough line in the Baltic republics.

Skiers in cable cars rescued

Zurich — Two helicopters rescued 45 skiers stranded in 25 stalled cable cars, in an airborne operation near St Moritz, police said.

The cable cars were left hanging 35ft to 165ft above ground when a breakdown caused their automatic braking mechanisms to engage.

Rescue workers helped the passengers from the cable cars one by one and winched them aboard the helicopters. *(AFP)*

Party lines

Bonn — Germany's postal authority plans to boost the number of telephone lines in former East Germany by taking over vast secret networks used under communist rule. "There were several hundreds of thousands of telephone lines in all kinds of special networks," the head of the post ministry said. *(Reuter)*

Hostel suspect

Sydney — A man charged with setting fire to a hostel told police he did not care that six tourists, including a Briton, Darren Andrews, aged 20, died in the blaze, a court heard. Gregory Brown, aged 28, told police that after lighting the fire he bought a Coke to calm down. *(AFP)*

Leader goes

Athens — The Greek Communist party president, Harilaos Florakis, aged 76, told the party's 13th congress that he will step down from the job he has held since 1972. Mr Florakis assumed his leading role after the party split along ideological lines in 1968. *(AP)*

Shuttle trouble

Cape Canaveral — Nasa engineers inspected cracks in hinges on board the space shuttle Discovery, a problem that could delay the launch planned for March 9. Cracks were found on Monday in three of four hinges of a door on the shuttle's belly. *(Reuter)*

Murder trial turns into French farce

From JOHN PHILLIPS IN PARIS

THE sensational trial of a woman, aged 60, accused of poisoning her husband, then shooting her unfaithful lover and chopping him up with an electric concrete cutter, threatened to degenerate into farce in Nancy yesterday.

Defence lawyers for Simone Weber have expressed satisfaction with what they see as poor performances by key prosecution witnesses. The "trial of the decade" heard evidence from Suzanne Bouasse, an elderly neighbour of the accused. She told the court that the day after Bernard Hettier, Mme Weber's lover, disappeared, she saw the defendant go home in the company of a man carrying a suitcase.

He was too small to be the lover, and in her first statements to police Mme Bouasse had identified the man as a cousin of Mme Weber. But in evidence to the court, the elderly witness said she "could not have said that" even if there were resemblances to the cousin. Prosecutors suspect the suitcase contained the torso of M Hettier, which they believe was dumped in the River Marne. A torso was recovered by a fisherman in September 1985.

Doubt was also cast on the contents of plastic rubbish bags that Mme Bouasse spied her neighbour leaving on the pavement. Police suspect they contained the severed limbs of M Hettier.

But Nicolas Pacaud, the judge, reflected on Monday that "in an affair like this, people always want to make themselves interesting", indicating he was unhappy with prosecution testimony.

Mme Weber went one further, noting that Mme Bouasse had not approached police with her story until March 1988, while M Hettier vanished in 1985. "You don't wait three years to talk," Mme Weber screamed at the court. "People are fabricating as time goes by."

The trial continues.

Communist split: symbolising the Cold War's end, a nest of Russian dolls — depicting Stalin, Khrushchev, Brezhnev and President Gorbachev — in the snow at the Brandenburg Gate, Berlin, where they are sold for about £7 a set

Georgian militia chief held

From REUTER IN MOSCOW

GEORGIAN authorities arrested the leader of a shadowy paramilitary group yesterday, less than 24 hours after he denounced the Soviet republic's nationalist leader and vowed to form a rival party.

A local journalist said Djaba Iosseliani, leader of the unofficial Mkhedrioni militia, was seized by Georgian interior ministry troops. The move looked certain to inflame tensions further.

A spokesman for the Georgian supreme soviet confirmed the report but gave no details. Georgian journalists said more Mkhedrioni leaders had been arrested in the capital, Tbilisi, and four other towns. One put the number held at 40.

On Monday, Mr Iosseliani attacked Zviad Gamsakhurdia, the Georgian president, as "a usurper and an abnormal person". Mkhedrioni said Soviet forces stormed its base with tanks and armoured vehicles, injuring three men in a shootout.

The Soviet defence ministry said army reconnaissance officers were fired on by members of an "extremist" group and two were wounded. Mr Gamsakhurdia, leader of Georgia's drive to break away from the Soviet Union, called Mr Iosseliani's militia "an agent of the Kremlin" trying to overthrow the republic's elected government.

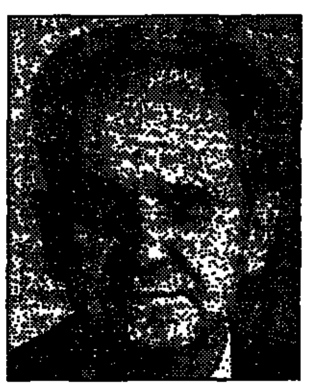
Soviet army patrols fail to reduce crime rate

From NICK WORRALL IN MOSCOW

THE controversial joint army and police patrols introduced three weeks ago to reduce crime in the Soviet Union have failed to improve the situation, Boris Pugo, the hardline interior minister, said in Moscow yesterday.

He said the nation was suffering its worst crime wave since the second world war with severe economic depression responsible for rising violence, organised crime and fraud. Registered crimes in 1990 had risen by 13 per cent over the previous year.

"We are taking all necessary measures but no substantial turn in the trend is yet visible," said Mr Pugo, the former Latvian KGB chief who was brought in last December by President Gorbachev to replace Vadim Bakatin, the popular reformer.



Pugo: economic situation continues to deteriorate

"The patrols have not improved the situation," he said. "January crime figures are up 18 per cent. It is hardly surprising because the economic situation continues to deteriorate and this measure is not adequate to deal with the crime wave." A senior police officer disputed this opinion, saying that since patrols were introduced on February 1 in 480 Soviet cities and towns, 16,000 people had been "detained" and about 3,000 army deserters captured.

The decision to begin patrols came after 20 civilians died in army and special forces action in Lithuania and Latvia. It was seen by democratic organisations as further evidence of the suppression of liberals, reformers and those campaigning for independence from Moscow. But there has been little evidence to support those fears.

However, the legality of the January 27 decree by Mr Pugo and Marshal Dmitri Yazov, the defence minister, which legitimised the patrols is under question. The Soviet parliamentary supervisory committee ruled last Friday that the decree was flawed.

The statistics given showed that the amount of crime was greater in the more independence-minded republics, particularly in Armenia.

Unification takes toll in suicide rise

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

CITIZENS of what was formerly East Germany are finding the harsh world of capitalist democracy harder to cope with than life protected by the Berlin Wall. In many areas, the number of suicides has risen steadily since the wall came down and exposed the population to the rigours of life in a competitive world.

The increase has been particularly noticeable in east Berlin, where the number of suicides rose from 139 in the year before what is known as the *Wende* (change) to 220 last year. In Potsdam the figure increased from 126 to 202. Urban areas generally, where unemployment has been rising more quickly, have seen the largest increases.

According to Jürgen Hesse, who is in charge of the Samaritan helpline in west Berlin, the number of calls from the east which his organisation is dealing with is increasing daily. Unemployment, soaring rents and uncertainty about the future are the main reasons given by callers for wanting to end their lives.

The number of unemployed, inexorably growing, is now more than 800,000 in the east, with twice that figure on short-time working. In practice this means they have no work to do. Gloomy estimates that at least three million east Germans will be out of work by the end of this year are backed by the latest set of figures from Germany's five leading economic research institutes this week. These show that the gross national product of the eastern part of the country is expected this year to shrink by between 10 per cent and 20 per cent.

The Bundesbank, in its monthly survey published today, also predicts that the expected improvement in the east German economy will not come soon and that a tax increase is now unavoidable. The bank estimates that without an increase the budget deficit this year will reach the unacceptable level of DM155 billion (£53 billion) instead of the planned DM140 billion. It adds that unless taxes are increased to fill this gap the stability of the Deutschmark will be undermined.

The liberal Free Democrats, junior partners in the government coalition, have now come round to the view that there may have to be tax increases to pay for unification. "The problems are greater than expected," Count Otto Lambsdorff, the party's leader, said this week.

Polish newsmen stage sit-in

From ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

JOURNALISTS from one of the two Polish television news services yesterday began a sit-in at the Warsaw studios, claiming that President Walesa's aides were trying to stifle criticism and purge supporters of his rival, Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the former prime minister.

Obserwator, the evening news programme which competes with the main news but also draws its funding from the state broadcasting authority, has been suspended and its head has been sacked. Marian Terlecki, the chairman of Polish television and a Gdansk dissident who was appointed by Mr Walesa, says that the low audience figures and high costs of *Obserwator* make its closure inevitable.

The striking journalists disagree. They say they are being suspended for political reasons and that Poland, as a result, has been robbed of a competitive news programme. They say Poles will be able to watch only news that has been selected by the government.

In his election campaign last autumn, Mr Walesa promised to "make order" in television, in other words purge it. Through his appointee, he is keeping that promise.

Aleksandra Jakubowska, the parliamentary reporter, and the heads of news programming have been squeezed out of Channel One news. A special camera team is assigned to the presidential palace and delivers its material to the television studios.

In the two months since the presidential election familiar political faces — Mr Mazowiecki, Jacek Kuron, the former labour minister, and Bronislaw Geremek, a Solidarity deputy — have almost disappeared from the screen. They are rarely quoted or invited to comment. Their fall from grace is clearly linked to their opposition to Mr Walesa during the election campaign.

Now *Obserwator* has also been wiped off the schedules. "It is absurd to have a specially protected backyard," said Lech Dymarski, head of all television news. "If you want independence outside the state-run television structure, that is okay — find yourself a sponsor."

Marek Markiewicz, the deputy director of television, told the strikers that there was enough pluralism in other news programmes. But when miners recently stormed into the presidential palace to protest against Mr Walesa, the only comprehensive report was carried by *Obserwator*.

The Warsaw intelligentsia are treating the matter as a fundamental issue of human rights: the right to free expression. The Pen Club is organising a protest petition.

Resign call to mafia magistrate

From RICHARD BASSETT IN ROME

MAGISTRATES throughout Italy yesterday called for the resignation of Corrado Carnevale, the magistrate who ordered the release of 43 mafia bosses serving long sentences for murder and related offences.

The 43 were found by a section of the supreme appeal court, headed by Signor Carnevale, to have been convicted on insufficient evidence, the perfect mafia defence. The 43 form a notorious roll of honour among mafia gangsters. They include Michele Greco, the biggest mafia boss in Italy who, like a latter-day Al Capone, is referred to in criminal circles as "the pope".

Others ordered to be released are Pietro Senapa and Salvatore Rotolo, two gangland bosses accused of murdering six people each.

The appeal rests on a thin thread, highlighted by their lawyers. But Italian law procedures should ensure that not all are released immediately. Most were jailed after the long mafia trials of the 1980s.

By yesterday 15 had been released but still faced other charges while a further ten were under house arrest.

Signor Carnevale said yesterday that he was only obeying the law. "I do not dispose of sentences as if they were never given. I merely give effect to the decision of the court." But his long-standing monopoly of trial appeals has come under attack by lawyers and justice groups worried about the mafia's expanding activities.

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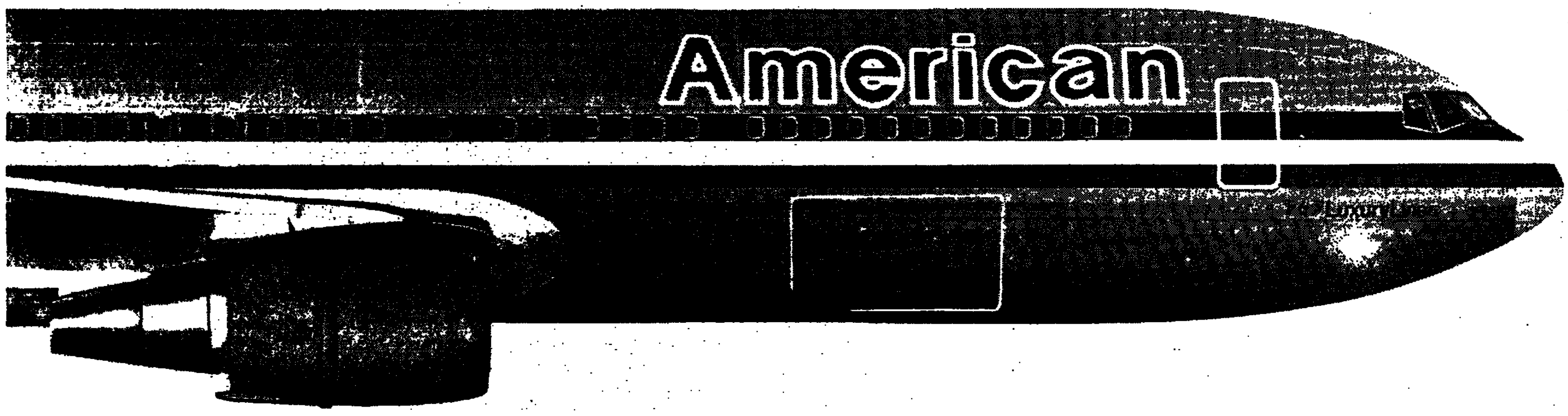

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Suzman enters South African hall of fame

From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

HELEN Suzman, the liberal former member of parliament in South Africa, has been honoured in the corridors of white power which she so long opposed. Her portrait has been hung in the parliament building where for almost 40 years she fought apartheid.

Lynda Chalker, the minister for overseas development, was present when the painting was unveiled in a parliamentary lobby in Cape Town last week. Since 1910, the honour has been reserved for governors-general, prime ministers, presidents, cabinet ministers and speakers. In the case of Mrs Suzman, who retired from politics last year, it was approved unanimously by the parliamentary rules committee.

Mrs Suzman recalled in a brief speech that she had been branded a subversive for condemning the Population Registration Act, the cornerstone of apartheid which is due to be abolished this year. As waspish as ever, she quipped: "If I were still in parliament, I would not say 'I told you so', but I would think it quite a lot."

The belated recognition of Mrs Suzman's endeavours has been the social highlight of a historic session of Africa's last white parliament, now preparing to legislate itself out of existence. Despite belligerent resistance from the far-right Conservative Party's hecklers, the pace of reform is accelerating after the decision by President de Klerk to dismantle the vestiges of white supremacy.

The government has suspended birth registration by race pending the repeal of the Population Registration Act, and announced its intention to scrap provisions of the Internal Security Act, a repressive mechanism which has been used extensively against anti-apartheid activists.

Government officials have announced that apartheid in cemeteries will soon be abolished, but by-laws allowing town councils to segregate toilets, laundries and lifts were unaffected because of an oversight in an amendment bill. Legal advisers are now considering how to remove the offending provisions. An even more chaotic state of affairs prevails in the House of Delegates, the Indian chamber of the tricameral parliament, where party loyalties and alliances have collapsed in a welter of recriminations.

Buthelezi forecasts hard going

From RAY KENNEDY
IN JOHANNESBURG

SCRAPPING the Group Areas Act and other apartheid legislation, announced by President de Klerk at the beginning of February, will confront South Africa with serious problems, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, chief minister of the Kwazulu homeland and leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party said yesterday.

He said apartheid had created areas which had become terribly impoverished. Dr Buthelezi added a warning that abolition of the Group Areas Act, which designates place of residence according to race, would bring a "vast convergence" of blacks on every large city in the country, resulting in great social, housing and economic problems.

Chief Buthelezi was speaking at a meeting with officials of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies and the South African Zionist Federation in Ulundi, capital of the Kwazulu homeland.

● CAPE TOWN: Twelve political prisoners are to be freed from Robben Island prison within the next week, lawyers acting for the prisoners said. *(AFP)*

Bus blasted: an Indian police officer inspecting wreckage after nine passengers were killed and 38 injured yesterday by a bomb that exploded on a bus while it was travelling from Delhi to Dehra Dun, a northern hill resort. The device went off about 11.30am local time near Muradnagar in northern Uttar Pradesh, after the vehicle, belonging to the state-run Delhi Transport Corporation, had travelled 36 miles with 51 passengers on board (AFP reports). Two women and a child were among the nine who died in the blast, a corporation spokesman said. The packed bus was travelling at high speed when there was a loud explosion in the rear of the vehicle, he added. Injured passengers were taken to hospital with shrapnel injuries. Police said that the driver was unhurt, but there was no news of the conductor, who was at the rear of the bus. No one claimed responsibility for the bombing, but Sikh militants, who have been fighting a campaign for a separate homeland in the northern state of Punjab, have usually been blamed for such explosions in the past. Police said that the bomb appeared to have been planted somewhere between Delhi and Muradnagar, while the corporation spokesman said the device was put on the vehicle while it was at the terminus in Delhi, where there is usually tight security.

Manila candidates face church moral test

From VAUDINE ENGLAND
IN MANILA

CARDINAL Jaime Sin, the Archbishop of Manila, said yesterday that the Catholic Church of the Philippines intended to investigate the private lives of future presidential candidates. The country's next election is scheduled for May 1992.

The cardinal also confirmed church plans to begin operating a television channel within two months. Such a channel could be used to televise debates between presidential candidates. Asked if he thought the next president would be a Catholic (about 85 per cent of Filipinos are Roman Catholic), he said: "That is not the issue. The issue is whether the candidates' private life is all right ... you cannot lead the people if you yourself are corrupt, privately speaking." He did not name anyone who might fail his moral test, but said: "We will screen them — I think it is our duty."

The four criteria by which future candidates should be judged, according to the cardinal, are integrity, honesty, private life and past record of public service.

The cardinal, speaking after the closing of a month-long council session of the Catholic Church, confirmed that the church has purchased a majority holding in a television station. It will broadcast nationwide starting sometime in April, and could be used to televise the church's messages about family life and other issues, including presidential candidates debating their platforms.

He compared the church and government in the Philippines to the two tracks of a railway line. They should not be too close, nor too far apart. They each had the same constituents and could therefore achieve what he called "critical solidarity".

Council statements have re-emphasised the church's commitment to the poor and the under-privileged in society.

Pakistan rapist stoned to death

Peshawar — Thousands watched as tribal leaders stoned to death a man convicted of rape, *The Nation* newspaper reported. Pakistani police dragged Bahadar Khan to a plain in the Khyber Pass on Monday where his accusers stoned him until he died.

Islamic law calls for death by stoning for rapists. In 1979, the Pakistani military government resurrected the law. Women's rights groups have urged that it be repealed, because it requires either a confession by the rapist or four witnesses, all of whom must be male and Muslim. *(AP)*

Philippines battle

Manila — Armed men threw grenades at a crowded minibus, killing ten civilians, and communist guerrillas shot dead a company executive in a three-day spate of violence in which 56 people died in the Philippines. In one incident, soldiers killed 19 rebels in a battle 200 miles north of Manila. *(Reuter)*

Barre wife in Cairo

Cairo — One of the wives of Mohamed Siad Barre, Somalia's deposed president, has arrived in Cairo with 29 family members and they have been granted political asylum, according to press reports here. But a senior Egyptian official denied the reports. "Mrs Barre and the family are visiting Cairo and will be going to Italy," he said. *(AP)*

Kaunda overruled

Lusaka — The Zambian high court has overruled as illegal, unconstitutional and discriminatory President Kaunda's order to the press last November to ignore election campaigning by opposition parties, official newspapers reported. *(Reuter)*

Indian takeaway

Delhi — Thieves stole six grains of rice on which the artist, Dipak Sayal, had painted portraits of Indian statesmen, which earnt him a place in last year's *Guinness Book of Records*. *(AFP)*

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BBC finds the will to succeed

The next head of BBC Television has cut a penny-pinching figure. He tells Melinda Wittstock of his other ambitions

A PASSION for serving on committees, especially those charged with cutting costs, never hurt the prospects of anyone with their eyes on the top management job in the BBC's biggest spending directorate.

Will Wyatt will replace Sir Paul Fox as managing director of BBC Television at the end of April. A dyed-in-the-wool BBC apparatchik, he amiably denies that a passion for horse-racing shared with many of the BBC's top brass, including his predecessor, had anything to do with his appointment. Simply, he is seen by the industry as the safe and trusted choice to steer the BBC through the new multi-channel environment of the Nineties.

He says all the right things: the BBC will be "leaner and fitter"; it will be "a beacon for talent" and a place where the interests of the British public come first.

If he lacks the dynamism of others who have held the top BBC Television job — Sir Paul Fox, Alasdair Milne, Bill Cotton, Aubrey Singer and Sir Ian Trethowan, he makes up for it with intelligence, enthusiasm and realism, qualities he will need to meet the many challenges of the Nineties, not least of which will be the BBC's campaign to keep the licence fee system after its royal charter comes up for renewal in 1996.

Mr Wyatt was promoted by Sir Paul to assistant managing director of television after heading the BBC's features and documentaries group. He is Sir Paul's chosen successor as the corporation's number three. Nevertheless he promises change. "I'm not going to charge around like a madman issuing orders, hiring and firing. But I have a clear vision and intend to pursuade people to follow me down that road," he says. "Paul and I are different creatures and we'll do things in different ways. We're from different generations, I have a different programme background and I have some different thoughts about the way we need to go in the next few years."

His biggest challenge, in his view, will be how to maintain high enough audience ratings with programmes of the highest quality in the face of budget cuts made necessary by the government's requirement that the corporation save £131 million a year over the next five years. Mr Wyatt was part of the "Funding the Future" team, whose recommendations of £75 million annual cuts by 1993 are now being implemented. Now he says: "Do you need a bigger challenge than that? Of course it's going to be difficult.

> *'You don't want to rush around like a chicken with its head off'*

"There's always been an assumption that the problem is not the programmes, but the way we run the place. But the most difficult thing to do is to keep the programmes good. We need to release the money needed to produce high-quality programmes by running the place more efficiently."

Mr Wyatt, who has been at the centre of acrimonious relations with the Independent Programme Producers Association (IPPA), says BBC Television will be "more at home with the independents" under his direction.

"Change is a threatening thing. But psychologically we're over the hump. At first it was a threat to a lot of individual producers. But now department heads and key editorial commissioners know that they will be judged on whether they are getting the best independents as well as the best of the in-house." The BBC is soon to appoint a head of independent production.

But what about criticism that the BBC should not try to be all things to all people and concentrate on programmes that educate rather than ratings-grabbing Australian soaps and American game shows?

"There is a great danger of defining public service broadcasting as all the things that nobody else in their right mind would want to do unless someone cracked a whip behind them. The whole point of this place is that everything has a place in the schedule. Public service broadcasting is quality programming, the purpose of which is to please viewers," Mr Wyatt says.

To the criticism that the BBC has let the government set the agenda about its future, Mr Wyatt says: "You don't want to start rushing around like a chicken with its head cut off before the debate has really begun. It doesn't look confident; it doesn't look as if we're in charge. But I'm in favour of a real public debate on this."

He says that he has never seen himself as a committee man, but he played a big role in setting up task forces to "develop ideas and question certain firmly-held BBC assumptions" and produce "a proper text for public debate" in the run-up to 1996.

A central plank in the BBC's campaign to retain the licence fee will be getting the public behind it. "I put enormous importance on relations with the public. In the past the BBC has been seen as an arrogant and distant organisation. I hope very much to change any of that that remains."

MICHAEL POWELL

Safe hands: Will Wyatt has "a clear vision and I intend to pursuade people to follow me"

TV's spiritual output wins a wider audience

The Gulf war has strengthened the appeal of religious programmes

TELEVISION plays an important, although often unrecognised, role in meeting people's spiritual needs, particularly in times of trouble. Since hostilities started in the Gulf both the BBC and ITV have noted a significant increase in the number of viewers tuning into their religious programmes. More than nine million people watched BBC TV's flagship *Songs of Praise* on February 3, 50 per cent more than usual at this time of year. Meanwhile the audience for *Highway*, ITV's religious travelogue, has grown by 30 per cent since mid-December, to 8.5 million.

The broadcasters realised early on that this would happen. One of the first things Sir Paul Fox, BBC Television's managing director, did after the outbreak of the war was to ask Jonathan Powell, the controller of BBC1, and Stephen Whittle, his head of religions broadcasting, to review their religious output. Then BBC1 quickly slotted in a series of Gulf vigils, led by prominent Christian, Muslim and Jewish leaders. It also cancelled its proposed *Songs of Praise* schedule. Instead of going to Merthyr Tydfil in the first week of the war, the programme broadcast an interdenominational service from Westminster Abbey.

Mr Whittle says that while providing spiritual support, particularly to those people with relatives in the Gulf, he also needed to reflect unease about the war and, at the same time, to "hold out a line to Muslims and Jews". The result was a series of programmes which, he says, "neither blessed the boys in the Gulf nor cut the ground from underneath them".

Six million people watch *Songs of Praise* each week, many more than go to church, as Mr Whittle points out. He says the programme "complements" regular worship. As the favourable response to his Gulf output reflects, viewers "welcome an opportunity to be still and to reflect".

Mr Whittle's doumentaries on BBC1 (*Everyman*, soon to be replaced by *Heart of the Matter*) have experienced the same increase in audience since the Gulf conflict as *Songs of Praise*. Over the past month *Everyman* has had three million viewers, compared with its regular 2.5 million. This Sunday it will show the film *What Did You Do In The War Mum?*, about Penny Butterell, who attended the "peace camp" on the Iraq-Saudi border. Mr Whittle has also commissioned a series of four Gulf-related specials, asking directors from Algeria, Iran, Israel and Lebanon to make programmes reflecting their views.

ANDREW LYCETT

MEDIA WATCH

Scoop of the week

Thirty seconds is often the difference between victory and defeat in the battle between wire services to be first with the news. Last Friday, Associated Press beat its main rival, Reuters, by 15 minutes with the worldwide exclusive of Iraq's statement that it was prepared to withdraw from Kuwait. AP flashed the news at 11.35am, with Radio 4 FM and Sky News reporting two minutes later. The Press Association, BBC1 and ITN quoted AP's report in quick succession, but Reuters did not pick up the story until 11.50.

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Taped telephone services, ranging from weather and stock market reports to sex lines, may soon come under the jurisdiction of the Radio Authority if a proposal before the Home Office is implemented. "Non-interactive" telephone services — not chat lines — would need a licence from the authority, the statutory body charged with regulating commercial radio. They would have to conform to content guidelines established by the Radio Authority and would be monitored by the Broadcasting Standards Authority.

Dishing up

Satellite television will be watched in 70 per cent of British homes by 2003, driving up advertising rates by 146 per cent, Saatchi & Saatchi forecasts in its latest report on UK television. It also predicts that Channel 5, due to reach 60 per cent of the population if it is launched, as planned, in 1994, will be watched by only 9 per cent. ITV's share of the commercial television audience will drop to 40 per cent, and although Channel 4 and TV-am can expect a drop in ratings, their advertising revenue will increase in real terms, Saatchi & Saatchi says.

Promotions under fire

The BBC has been accused of taking "unfair advantage" of its radio and television airwaves. Magazine publishers and advertising agencies have urged Peter Lilley, the trade and industry secretary, to use the imminent publication of the Sadler enquiry into cross-media ownership as an opportunity to stop the BBC advertising its own products when its commercial rivals are suffering from the recession. John Mellon, the chairman and chief executive of IPC magazines, has asked Mr Lilley to stop the BBC's promotional activity or force it either to sell BBC Enterprises to a commercial organisation to encourage "fair competition" or open its airwaves to commercial advertising. The Home Office told the BBC last month that it must raise £72 million during the next five years from the commercial exploitation of its assets.

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Stay out of the Soviet in-fighting

Anatole Kaletsky believes Gorbachev, however imperfect, is still the best hope for reform

The western world wants to help the Soviet Union, but only if it can advance its own interests and values. Both out of altruism and geo-political necessity, the West wants to encourage the supporters of political freedom, economic progress and peaceful coexistence: it wants to deter the neo-Stalinists, the Marxist obscurantists and the military adventurers.

Until last summer, the best way of doing this seemed clear. The West supported Mr Gorbachev and his programme of economic perestroika, while offering advice on how to accelerate the economic transition.

Since the reactionary tide swept through the Kremlin last autumn, there has been a growing view that economic cooperation should bypass the Soviet government. Pressure is growing for some of the dissident republics, particularly in the Baltic, to be politically recognised, implicitly undercutting the post-war consensus that all European boundaries established after 1945 are inviolate.

Before jumping to such extreme conclusions, three questions are worth asking. Should we continue to cooperate with President Gorbachev if he slides back into his country's old authoritarian and militaristic habits? And what if he generally observes political human rights, but tries to pursue an economic programme that is doomed to failure? Finally, what if he continues with economic and political liberalisation but insists on holding together an empire of dubious historical legitimacy?

These three issues are interconnected; but they are not one and the same. Democracy, economic liberalisation and nationalism are each incompatible with the Stalinist system, but there is no reason why the Soviet Union must either embrace or reject all three at once. It might be possible for Mr Gorbachev to follow a course of political repression, combined with economic liberalisation, in the style of China, South Korea and even Pinochet's Chile (an unlikely role model, which was given extensive coverage recently in the Soviet media). More palatably, it might also be possible for the government to allow democracy and market economics to continue developing, while trying to keep the Soviet Union together, or at least keeping the process of disintegration under central control, with limited use of force.

This seemed to be what Mr Gorbachev had in mind when he suddenly abandoned much of his political and economic agenda last autumn.

The over-riding commitment to preserving the Union can even be discerned in the mystifying actions of Valentin Pavlov, Mr Gorbachev's new prime minister. When Mr Pavlov recently revealed that he had foiled a "silent economic coup" by foreign bankers, he risked alienating the western governments and companies whose aid and investment the Soviet Union is still anxious to attract. Last week it emerged why Mr Pavlov thought this was a risk worth taking when a South African businessman (most probably a KGB agent provocateur) was arrested at Moscow airport. He had in his pocket a document signed by Gennady Filshin, the deputy prime minister of Russia, and close ally of Boris Yeltsin. The document related to the sale of $7.5 billion (£3.8 billion) worth of Russia's natural resources at ludicrously low prices to shadowy western consortia.

Pavlov: was western 'coup' claim aimed at discrediting Yeltsin?

It now seems that the object of the exercise was to entrap Mr Yeltsin and his dissident Russian administration, portraying them as stooges of malevolent western interests. More generally, it was to dam the tide of public sympathy that had been flowing in the nationalists' favour since the killing of demonstrators in Lithuania last month.

In this objective, the Soviet government may well prove successful, and not simply because of the innate gullibility often ascribed to the Russian masses. There are at least two more substantial reasons, which governments assessing their relations with the Soviet Union should bear in mind.

First, large numbers of Russians are likely to resent foreign interference in what they consider to be their country's internal affairs. For foreign governments or western companies to intervene visibly or directly in the struggle for power between the Soviet republics and the central administration could therefore be unwise, and even counterproductive, if it encouraged a xenophobic backlash. The parallels frequently drawn between the liberation of Eastern Europe and the impending disintegration of the internal Soviet empire are not apt, because Soviet citizens have never regarded Poland or Hungary as their national territory.

The Pavlov plot may also illustrate a second point, which is even more controversial. Senior members of the Russian republican government fell for a hoax. Last August, when Viktor Yaroshenko, Russia's newly appointed minister for foreign economic relations and one of the officials implicated by the Pavlov plot, announced at a press conference that he had received offers of investment totalling $25 billion from an unspecified western syndicate, the claim was so implausible that no newspaper bothered to report it. It now seems, however, that the government itself was taken in by apparent offers of this kind. This seems to confirm a political naivety and economic lack of competence at the top levels of the nascent republican governments that has surprised many western observers.

The best hope for reform in the Soviet Union probably remains the central government in Moscow. If Mr Gorbachev continues to crush peaceful demonstrators with tanks the West should refuse to render him assistance. But whether the killings or arrests take place in Vilnius, Tbilisi or Moscow, the West must make clear that any boycott of the Kremlin is a response to human rights abuses and not an attempt to redraw the Soviet Union's boundaries or interfere in its internal affairs.

Engulfed by nostalgia

Martin Jacques

Why has the domestic debate on the Gulf been so pathetic? At no time since last August has it ever seemed that Britain faced important choices that needed to be weighed one against the other.

One reason has been the political consensus. In a system so dominated by parties, the fact that Labour has never allowed any daylight between itself and the government on the appropriate response to the seizure of Kuwait has reduced the space for debate both in Parliament and the country. It has been left to two heavyweight politicians in the twilight of their careers, Edward Heath and Denis Healey, to ask the big questions. Without them, the political debate would have been as lively and enlightening as the average undergraduate seminar.

But the main reason, I believe, is not the political consensus but the British psyche. Politicians represent the mood of the country; they operate within the bounds of our culture and traditions. Britons have been brought up to believe that our natural role in life is to keep order and fight wars where appropriate. It is precisely in moments like this that we come into our own, that our innermost personality as a nation is revealed.

This is hardly surprising. For well over a century, Britain has been at the centre of the international order, once as its main architect, later as one of several. A century of taking responsibility for global order has left its indelible mark on our national personality. Even when the means are now so evidently lacking, the will and instinct are still intact. In the Gulf conflict, this has been a source of *some pride. While other nations* remain on the sidelines, or engage only reluctantly, we are prepared to make whatever sacrifices might be necessary. Yet what has been little commented upon is the price of that attitude.

It is no longer simply an expression of responsibility; it is also a form of escapism, a yearning to return to a now distant past. Nothing revealed this more clearly than the early days of the war. We celebrated the presence of so many of our troops, we relished the resumption of the special relationship with America and we berated the Europeans for being wimps. Perhaps the world had not really changed after all, perhaps all that business about Europe had simply been a bad dream.

Of course, as the war has gone on, these simplistic reactions have to some extent changed. After the initial euphoria, it has slowly dawned that war is an interruption of normal reality rather than the reverse. None the less, the Gulf conflict has reminded us of the state of the British psyche. Our European adventure started almost 30 years ago, yet it has never managed to capture the imagination of either the political class or the people. In contrast, war stirs the deepest emotions. It reminds us of our history. It validates our existence as a nation. It provides us with a sense of purpose that for years was lacking.

So why have those two old warriors, Messrs Heath and Healey, managed to buck the political trend and ask the big questions? Mr Heath, of course, is the great outsider who during the Thatcher years thought and acted for himself. He is also the only prime minister since the war to have embraced a coherent European perspective and thereby stepped outside the embrace of a certain nostalgia.

Mr Healey is a different case. Here is a man who has acquired an extraordinarily rich internationalist outlook, especially over the past decade, and has visibly grown in stature and bearing as a consequence. He has never been strongly European, but luxuriates in a powerful sense of the world and of history. Like Mr Heath, he lacks nothing in political courage.

They have one other thing in common. Both are products of the Thirties, and they know what big wars are about. As a result, their memories are not confined to the patriotic adventures that have been Britain's post-war speciality.

Messrs Heath and Healey have been powerful, critical voices throughout the whole Gulf episode. But they are in a minority. For the most part, society has turned a deaf ear and relished the past. The Gulf, like the Falklands, is a reminder that we are a country still in search of an identity.

Originality was a concept alien to past masters, says Richard Morrison, arts editor

The fine art of imitation

Every now and then a droll scene recurs in the art world. A painting that has been hanging innocuously in some living room for years is taken to an expert for valuation. The expert declares it to be the work of a minor artist. On the basis of that valuation the painting is auctioned for a few hundred pounds.

A year or two later it is examined again, by a more eminent expert, who pronounces it indisputably to be by some famous master. Again the painting goes under the hammer; but this time the same arrangement of paints on canvas fetches ten, twenty or a hundred times the previous price. The most recent instance is the Thomas Girtin watercolour that Christie's will auction on April 9. Now expected to fetch £25,000, it was bought in 1975 for a few pounds when it was attributed to one Henry Edridge, an 18th-century painter of considerably less reputation.

Journalists often seize on such incidents as proof of three truths: that smug experts sometimes blunder entertainingly; that whether a painting is inherently good or not seems to matter much less than who painted it; and that a fool and his fortune are as easily parted in the auction houses of London, New York and Tokyo as on the forecourt of an East End used-car dealer. Indeed, in April the BBC will start broadcasting *Relative Values*, a television series offering variations on this theme.

But this kind of incident has parallels in other art forms, and is hardly a new phenomenon. On February 8, 1935, *The New York Times* published a front-page scoop: "Kreisler Reveals 'Classics' As Own; Fooled Music Critics For 30 Years". The story was that Fritz Kreisler, the great violinst, had long been in the habit of inserting short pieces into his recitals, ostensibly by 17th- and 18th-century composers such as Couperin and Stamitz, which he had actually written himself. He came under virulent attack, especially from Ernest Newman, the British critic, who thought Kreisler's behaviour unethical.

But Kreisler hit back, below the belt. He savaged the "snobs...who judge merely by name". In other words, if the critics were incapable of hearing that the pieces were not genuine baroque compositions, their opinions could hardly carry credibility. And if a piece of music gives pleasure, why should it matter that it is "forged" in an ancient style?

The musical world, at least, has grown up a little since 1935: the ubiquitous *Adagio* "by Albinoni" is generally accepted as good music, even by those aware that it was largely concocted by Remo Giazotto, a modern-day scholar, nearly 200 years after Albinoni died.

Wrongly attributed paintings, faked compositions: both matters raise questions about the nature of authorship. Why is a work of art more highly valued if it is supposedly from the recognised canon of great artists? Is it because the knowledge of authorship removes from the onlooker the onus of perception and judgment? Instead of trusting our own senses, we can rely on a received evaluation from historians. Moreover, we are implicitly subscribing to the notion that great artists invariably produce great art — when logic and experience suggest that the best work of a minor figure is usually more interesting than the worst work of a genius.

We like to consider the modern approach to history to be cool, scientific, objective. Yet as far as cultural history is concerned, we are still obsessed with the Romantic image of the Artist as Suffering Genius. Masterpieces are expected to proclaim unmistakably both their authorship and their originality.

Authorship and originality are *relatively new concepts, however.* Until the 18th century, at least, such distinctions were blurred. Rarely did a 16th-century composer, for instance, contemplate writing a mass that was "all his own work". Rather, he would borrow the themes of a motet by another composer and rework them: hence the genre is called "parody mass".

Similarly, the magnificent murals adorning the ducal chapels of Renaissance Europe were often only partly the work of the "master"; much was done by anonymous assistants. Even specialists rarely find it easy to judge where individual contributions start and finish within these collective enterprises.

Handel followed the convention of the day in reshaping what had gone before. Today he would be sued for plagiarism.

In the 18th century, Handel — working within the time pressures of London theatreland — scooped up any number of previously existing works (by himself or others) and refashioned them according to the needs of his latest operatic commission. That was the convention of the age: nobody then subscribed to the idea that a work of art was a single, unified entity. Is the majesty of his music diminished by the knowledge that much of it is not "original" in the modern sense? Is the awesome achievement of *Messiah* lessened when the legend that Handel composed it in a four-week blitz of creativity is dented by the information that much of it was written (in other forms) many years earlier?

Today Handel would be sued for plagiarism. Composers who have the misfortune to write a hit tune that shares, perhaps, ten consecutive notes with an existing melody are often forced by law to turn over a percentage of their royalties to the composer they supposedly copied. Novelists whose plots bear even a passing similarity to earlier yarns are mercilessly pilloried by eagle-eyed pedants in the literary press, irrespective of their books' intrinsic merits. The doctrine of "intellectual property" — that a creative artist can "own" an idea — has been enshrined into our culture, via the copyright laws. Shakespeare, who hardly ever bothered to invent his own plots, might not have found a publisher today. The risk of litigation would have been too great.

Yet this notion of intellectual property has never been more suspect than in our post-modern age, when artists in all fields peck like magpies at whatever stylistic trait takes their fancy. Some actually specialise in the act of conscious homage, building up layer upon layer of sophisticated references and puns to delight the cognoscenti. Luciano Berio explores the idea of memory itself by incorporating the scherzo of Mahler's Second Symphony into his own *Sinfonia*. Brian De Palma manipulates his camera angles so that whole sequences of his films become, for cinema buffs, fascinating commentaries on classic Hitchcock films. As for magazine and newspaper illustrators, fashion photographers, costume designers and commercial jingle composers, parody, sly allusions and pastiche are the basic tools of their trades.

Should all these be branded as "unoriginal"? Surely not; a startling new message can be conveyed by the imaginative rearrangement of familiar images and symbols. The composer John Cage could even write four-and-a-half minutes of silence, and create a piece called *4'33"* — it is a classic debunking of artistic expectations, and a remarkably economical piece to rehearse.

The manuscript "score" of that work would doubtless fetch a tidy sum at auction today, because Cage has been elevated into the accepted canon of "great originals". If an insurance company would consider it a wise investment to have a manuscript of nothing sitting in its bank vault, so be it. I prefer listening to the music itself — or even the silence.

...and moreover

CRAIG BROWN

Yesterday in Parliament:

Sir Westbourne Park (Con): May I take this opportunity to thank the right hon. gentleman opposite for his continued support, and to agree with him that, in crises like this, Members of this House can be seen at their very best?

Mr Neil Kinnock (Lab): May I take this opportunity to thank the right hon. gentleman opposite for thanking me for my continued support? Without his own continued support, my own continued support would be less well supported.

Mr Paddy Ashdown (Lib Dem): As I stare with statesmanlike posture into the middle distance, my eyes screwed together as if in concentration, I reflect — and I think it would do us all well to reflect as I reflect — that we should reflect together on this matter in a state of calm reflection. For my own part, I fully support the Opposition's support for the Government's support of my party. God bless you all.

Mr Neil Kinnock: Might I first pull at my cuffs in a thoroughly statesmanlike manner before congratulating the prime minister on his smooth handling of his press conference this morning? It can be very difficult, with all those lights shining on you, not to mention a great many impertinent questions, and I think I speak for everyone on this side when I say he handled it with aplomb. Furthermore, might I assure him that he has our fullest support for everything he chooses to do in the future, and for that matter everything he chooses not to do?

The Prime Minister: I am grateful to the right hon. gentleman for his statesmanlike agreement with everything I say or do. I hope that shortly after this conflict is over, he will do me the honour of accepting an invitation to tea with myself and my wife.

Mr Neil Kinnock: I thank the prime minister for his kind invitation and accept with alacrity, speed, quickness, despatch and haste. To return to business: could he answer this question clearly and honestly, without fudge or mudge: will he state firmly and unequivocally that he will at least let me provide the scones and cream? Yes or no? Yes or no?

The Prime Minister: The right hon. gentleman must realise that I am not in a position to grant his request. Nevertheless, I will look into the matter most carefully. I am deeply indebted to him for this suggestion, and few will doubt his sincerity in having made it.

Mr Awkward Customer (Lab): Didn't I once read in the Bible the line: "Thou shalt not kill"? (Shouts of "Shame!" "Apologise!" "Disgrace!")

Mr Speaker: Order! Order! I must remind the hon. gentleman that such language in this House at the present time is highly improper, highly improper indeed.

Mr Neil Kinnock: Before the prime minister deigns to answer that very rude question, might I just say how Mr Awkward Customer represents only a tiny, politically-motivated and vociferous minority on this side of the House, and the rest of us are in absolute and total agreement with anything the prime minister or indeed, the leader of the Liberal Democratic Party, cares to do?

The Prime Minister: I am grateful to the right hon. gentleman for his assurances. He is really most statesmanlike, and I must ask him where he got his important-looking double-breasted suit?

Mr Neil Kinnock: To be perfectly frank, and to re-adjust my cuffs for one minute, I can disclose that it was my friend Mr Ashdown, the Leader of the Liberal Democrats, who recommended his tailor to me.

Mr Paddy Ashdown: Might I take this opportunity to raise one eyebrow slightly higher than the other and to extol the courage and professionalism of our fighting troops before going on to thank the leader of the Opposition — and what an excellent Opposition it is! — for giving me such a super mention just now? A very happy Easter to you and to all your families, wherever they may be.

The Prime Minister: I must tell the leader of the Liberal Democrats that he too looks really smart today. That new haircut does him and his party great credit.

Sir Arnos Grove (Con): Might I just say that this House is at its very best, all pals together, absolutely adorable...

(The debate continued for a further three hours, amid general agreement that this was the House at its best).

THE TIMES DIARY

Brief taste of former glory

John Major's decision to allow his private secretary, Sir Charles Powell, to brief Mrs Thatcher once a week on international events means that although bereft of power, she is still a formidable presence. Indeed, she seems to have greater access to official information than either Neil Kinnock or Paddy Ashdown.

Both enjoy a warm relationship with Major and have been regularly informed on important matters, but neither has had his briefing sessions formalised in quite the same way.

In addition to her weekly meetings with Powell — her unofficial foreign policy adviser when she was at No 10 — Mrs Thatcher also talks regularly to Major on the telephone. He is said to value her advice, especially on the Gulf — as does President Bush.

The frequency of the briefings contrasts sharply with Downing Street practice when Mrs Thatcher was in charge, and also with the number of consultations that Opposition leaders receive. Kinnock's office says he has sought private briefings with Major on only "a handful" of occasions. Ashdown is thought to have visited Major at Downing Street and at his Commons office three or four times since the Gulf conflict began. Edward Heath has had a 45-minute consultation with Major, at the prime minister's invitation.

While in power Mrs Thatcher rarely briefed Opposition leaders, and Heath, her predecessor as Tory leader, was never allowed to share her thoughts or plans.

The preferential treatment for Mrs Thatcher is understandable given her declaration on leaving office that she would be a backseat driver. If she is not given the maps and told the destination, how can she find the way?

● *Michael Heseltine may refuse to say the community charge will be scrapped, but his colleagues seem to have reached that conclusion. Chris Patten, the Tory party chairman and former environment secretary, has appointed Robin Squire, an ultra-wet Tory MP and leading poll tax rebel, as his parliamentary private secretary. If that evidence were not enough, consider the reply of Sir Terence Heiser, permanent secretary at the environment department, when a journalist asked how the government measured the performance target of the charge: "You have to have a policy that lasts long enough to measure it."*

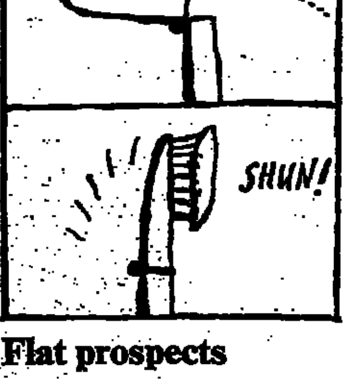
Brush-off

As the clock ticks inexorably towards the start of the land battle in the Gulf, Brigadier Patrick Cordingley, commander of the 7th Armoured Brigade, is justifiably proud of the varied and sophisticated weapons available to his troops. But, despite the array, the Desert Rats claim to miss a tiny item of vital equipment — a suitable field toothbrush.

A soldier stationed with the allied ground forces south of Kuwait has appealed on behalf of himself and eight others for further supplies of a foldaway toothbrush included in the thousand Christmas hampers sent to the troops by a hotelier who provides the brushes at his establishments in Egypt and at Gatwick. "As you can appreciate, everything we carry has to be small and compact, and these have proved superb because of their size," the soldier wrote.

The hotelier is sending the Rats a further 3,000 brushes. "But, much as I would like to, I can't supply *every* British soldier. I shall ask the defence ministry if they can provide brushes like mine."

The request is unlikely to meet with a favourable response. "Toothbrushes are not provided as part of a soldier's normal kit," says an MoD spokesman. "The Naafi is well stocked with such cosmetic items. It is up to the individual soldier to supply his own toothbrush."



Flat prospects

David Hope has accepted the plum ecclesiastical job of Bishop of London with a certain regret. As Bishop of Wakefield, he lives in a six-bedroom villa with views of the Yorkshire countryside, nine acres of grounds, a walled garden, paddock and an orchard.

In London, he inherits Graham Leonard's official apartment in Victoria. This is above the diocese's administrative office, with the entertainment suite doubling as meeting rooms. There is no garage. "It will be a wrench for the bishop," says his Wakefield chaplain, the Rev Tim Thornton. "He was brought up in Wakefield and is attached to the area. His twin sister lives down the road." Hope is a keen walker who makes the most of nearby fells and coast.

His aesthetic needs will not be as well catered for in London. "The accommodation in Victoria is well below that which the church commissioners have said should be recommended for a diocesan bishop," admits his London secretary.

Mercifully, Dr Hope is a bachelor and will not have to squeeze a wife and growing family into the apartment. "When he looks out of the window in Wakefield," says his chaplain, "he can gaze at his garden. In London he will look out on to a brick wall."

Who can explain?

Two years after American evangelist Billy Graham intrigued Londoners with an advertising campaign featuring scrambled versions of the word "Life", the Natural History Museum is about to launch a similar brain-teasing poster drive.

The first poster features the word "Life" on a green background, opposite a question mark on a red one, with the caption "Think about it". The second in the series is just as cryptic. "Cranks" appears on the green side, opposite "Hooligans?" on the red, and again the message "Think about it". The third says "Balance" opposite "Extinction".

The campaign, representing the debate between ecology and technology, heralds the opening of the museum's new ecology wing on March 11. "The museum is deliberately not taking a stand on the environmental issue," says Sammy Harari, of Harari Page, the agency responsible for the campaign. "Rather it is setting up the debate." Or just baffling the public, perhaps?

MR MAJOR'S ALBATROSS

The debate within John Major's cabinet over the replacement of the poll tax has reached a critical point. We must interrupt the sequence of editorials on Michael Heseltine's reform of local government to ponder an extraordinary incident surrounding Monday evening's cabinet committee meeting. It seems a proposal from Mr Heseltine was put forward for a completely new property-based local tax, with a capitation top-up based on the number of adults residing in that property. The tax would not relate to site or rental value but to floor area, measured either literally or in three or more bands of size.

The idea retains the characteristic of the poll tax which most appealed to Margaret Thatcher. Though levied on property, it would be a charge still based on head counting but adjusted according to the resident population in any dwelling. This time it would not be uniform for everybody but progressive in that richer households tend to occupy more space.

At first sight, the proposal manages neatly to abandon the (small) virtue of the poll tax while keeping all its vices. It lacks the sharp clarity of a single, publicised figure for each council each year. Yet it requires the costly maintenance of an up-to-date register of local residents in addition to a new Domesday survey of property sizes throughout the land. Since large numbers of poor people do occupy larger properties (albeit in poorer parts of town), there would still have to be a complex rebate scheme. Even in its simplest form, such a proposal might have been devised by civil service trade unions eager to boost membership. The obvious objection, that property size is not necessarily an indicator of ability to pay, means that the new tax would be seen as just as unfair as the poll tax, with needless extra complexity.

Labour's Bryan Gould remarked in the Commons yesterday that the Tory party has now come up with 43 varieties of replacement for the poll tax. Such promiscuity could also be laid at Labour's door, through which has yet to emerge a robust replacement for the poll tax. Mr Gould described Mr Heseltine's latest as a "twin-tax torture" and a "nightmare scenario". Labour's various projects for property taxes "related to ability to pay" are vulnerable to the same charge. But since Mr Heseltine is no fool and knows that his new tax would require a massive and controversial act of parliament, he must be assumed to be engaged in Machiavellian tactics.

To what end? This affair is set to be John Major's first substantial domestic fiasco. Rumour has it that Mr Heseltine and his more sensible colleagues would like simply to reinstate the rates, based on the existing rating registers. This would require simple, short legislation and could be dispatched, probably with bipartisan agreement, this year. The bugbear is the Tory party's recent history. Mr Major can still feel round his neck the carcass of Mrs Thatcher's poll tax albatross. What shall he say to the backbenchers, he agonises, what to the party workers in the country? Abolish the poll tax, by all means, but surely not to restore the rates, in the removing of which so much loyal party blood was shed?

Mr Heseltine appears intent on leaking a series of alternative proposals, of increasing odiousness, aimed at terrifying Mr Major and his colleagues into seeing common sense. His latest idea is sufficiently barmy not to be taken seriously and will presumably die the death. The mind boggles at what next is to emerge from his embattled office. But sooner or later sanity must triumph. For that to happen Mr Major, not Mr Heseltine, must take his courage in both hands and make a decision: the rates it must be.

GATT'S CRITICAL STATE

In Geneva today, Arthur Dunkel, the long-suffering director-general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, will test the pulse of the comatose Uruguay Round of negotiations to liberalise world trade. He will ask the United States and the European Community to keep the talks alive by splitting their differences over how far and fast to free farm trade. These talks collapsed after four years last December, over the EC's refusal to be serious about reducing trade distortions in agriculture. Unless there are clear vital signs, by March 1 they could be beyond reviving.

On that date, only ten days away, the "fast track" negotiating authority accorded the US administration by Congress expires. Without such authority, which means that Congress is pledged to accept or reject a trade deal without amendment, negotiation between 108 governments would be meaningless. The American government will probably seek a two-year extension of this mandate, but there is no certainty that Congress will oblige.

Congressmen are increasingly convinced that the 1988 US Trade Act, which requires the US administration to retaliate unilaterally against countries it deems to be "unfair" traders, serves American interests better than the post-war multilateral regime of the Gatt. In addition, the more American legislators perceive Europe to be a potentially exclusive trading fortress, the more enamoured they are of President Bush's proposed free trade zone from Anchorage to Cape Horn. Rival trading blocs, seen from Washington, are beginning to look dangerously attractive.

Secondly, while the Gatt talks cover a host of other sectors, the key to resuming talks is unquestionably farm trade. The EC's schizoid performance on agriculture has exasperated every other country in the negotiation except Japan (whose rice farmers are even more sacred than the Community's), and convinced senior Congressmen that Brussels is not in good faith. The absurdity is that within the EC the Commission is at last prepared to admit that the common agricultural policy has failed consumers, taxpayers and farmers alike and to contemplate serious reform, including deep cuts in the prices paid to EC farmers. The CAP budget is again spinning out of control and the food mountains are rising, making reform imperative. Yet in the Gatt, the Commission, bowing to its farm ministers, still refuses to improve on an offer of 15 per cent cuts in overall subsidies, already rejected by everybody else.

Nor will Brussels discuss with its Gatt partners specific commitments to reduce farm subsidies in three separate areas: internal price supports, barriers against exports, and the subsidies it pays exporters to bridge the gap between inflated EC prices and world markets. The EC's refusal to take this small step is the more inexplicable because, when the talks were collapsing in farce last December, the EC cried foul on the ground that its negotiators had made just such a concession. Yet in talks with the US in Geneva last week, they backtracked.

Yesterday in Strasbourg the trade commissioner, Frans Andriessen, said it was time for the EC to "take an initiative". He talked robustly about the need for "deeds not words", but budged not one inch on substance. There is also muttering about reforming the CAP in the Community's own good time, not under American pressure. That is no more than an attempt to cloak procrastination in the mantle of the high moral ground. The EC needs CAP reform. As the world's biggest trading group, it also needs open markets and the investment, growth and jobs a successful Uruguay Round would generate. A creative offer on farm trade would meet both objectives. The farm ministers are jeopardising prosperity on the farm, in industry and in the whole world. They must be overruled before the damage becomes irreparable.

REGIMENTAL SPORT

A distinct streak of puritanism in the national character marks the treatment of sport in schools: only the British would ruin a pleasure by making it compulsory and giving it the joyless name of physical education. The subject is to be included in that dreary thing, the national curriculum. Ask educationists what place physical education should have in that curriculum, and the first thing they think of is regimentation.

The education secretary, Kenneth Clarke, has told the working group preparing proposals for sport in schools that its interim report is not flexible enough. The group should revise its ideas, he said, so that older children could keep healthy by being allowed to choose for themselves from a range of "sensible sporting and physical activities". He must have wondered why anything so obvious needed to be stated, but he is dealing with the PE teaching establishment. In a rare ministerial protest at the jargon of their peculiar profession, he also told them to use language "which reflects the practical nature of the subject".

Enlightened PE teachers certainly exist. But the subject is still too much in thrall to its own history. That has two main strands, the "muscular Christianity" of 19th-century public school after Thomas Arnold, and the need to recruit a large, fit army from the ranks of the working class.

Neither had much to do with the love of sport, nor with the hedonistic enjoyment of fitness and physical skill for its own sake. Its motto was *mens sana in corpore sano*, otherwise interpreted as "If you are not feeling miserable, it cannot be good for your soul."

The physical condition of many of those called into Kitchener's new army before the Somme was a shock to their officers. The 1944 Education Act's provisions for universal physical education reflected a similar concern in the second world war. Post-war physical education resembled army physical training, not least because many of those teaching it in schools had been service PTIs in wartime. The result was to give the teaching of health, to which physical exercise is merely a means, a bad name. Whole generations swore at 15, 16 or 18 never to touch it again.

To that grim inheritance, the Arnold tradition contributed the dubious virtue of team spirit. This had little to do with a decent consideration for the rest of humankind, more with blind loyalty to institutional chauvinism. In the name of team spirit, not fitness, generations of boys and girls have turned out on the coldest days of winter to take part in games they loathe, while being discouraged from the individual pleasure of sports such as tennis or athletics.

There is nothing wrong with encouraging children to find a form of exercise they like, nor with subsidising sports fields and equipment within the state education system. Physical education should be what its name implies, schooling in the proper care of the body. Sport is an extra-curricular hobby. Excelling at it requires skill and self-discipline, but it is not to every pupil's taste. The working group wants all pupils up to a certain age to be subjected, compulsorily, to every facet of physical education from team games to dance. There is no more certain way to take the joy out of them.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Seeking the truth in war but thwarting propaganda

From Mr William M. Clarke

Sir, I was glad to see that, in your personally signed article (February 18), you recognised, and to some extent shared, the anxieties of many of your readers concerning media coverage of the Gulf war. Your analysis, however, concentrated on the needs of newspapers to establish "the truth" and did not, I believe, go to the heart of the war-time reporting dilemma.

The difficulty is that one cannot so easily shed one's nationality, in order to maintain newspaper integrity, when one's own country is in a conflict. If Britain, along with others, is in a state of war with Iraq, British editors and producers need to consider what this extra war-time dimension implies:

1. Put at its simplest, is it in the interests and safety of British troops for information, useful to the enemy, to be made available daily through radio, TV and newspapers, even if it is factually accurate? The question should always be asked even if the answers vary. It is not sufficient to leave such matters entirely to the military censors: editors have a duty too.

2. Is it really sufficient to give what Mr Winston S. Churchill (February 18) terms a "health warning" to all Iraqi-censored or Iraqi-directed reports from Baghdad? In order to make what you call "the best possible stab at the truth in the time available", shouldn't British reporters in Baghdad be regularly asked by editors to report *all* aspects of the war (including events in Kuwait) and, if they are prevented from doing so, asked to send reports describing their inability to do so and why, or, if this is not allowed, be withdrawn from Iraq?

3. Is it in the interests of nations at war to offer the enemy the use of their efficient world-wide networks (TV or syndicated papers) for the distribution of the enemy's controlled news, whatever that may be?

As an ex-*Times* journalist and an ex-RAF officer, I am naturally torn by the dilemma. But I believe that war-time coverage so far has too often ignored the national interest.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM M. CLARKE,
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Greenwich, SE10.
February 19.

From Mr Brian Bransbury

Sir, In your signed article yesterday you say, quite rightly, that the media's duty is "to make the best possile stab at the truth in the time available". In my view, the glaring truth, considering the record of Saddam in care for human life, is that Amiriya was not a military target masquerading as a civilian one, but was a civilian target masquerading as a military one.

Consider the evidence: clumsy camouflage on the roof, a few military vehicles going to and fro in the vicinity and coded messages broadcast from the area. We swallowed the bait and Saddam was presented with a propaganda victory. But we can make sure that we are not to be fooled again.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN BRANSBURY,
Cordwainers,
Long Crendon, Buckinghamshire.
February 19.

From Air Marshal Arthur McDonald

Sir, Your headline of February 14 (later editions), "Civilian casualties give Saddam a propaganda coup", seems to me to raise three important issues.

1. Are we in the process of losing the propaganda campaign, while winning the military campaign? If so, all the military effort will have been in vain.

2. Are we losing the propaganda campaign because we are not even fighting it? Western journalists and camera crews have just presented to the world heartrending accounts and pictures of the bodies of women and children being pulled out of a building, described as an air-raid shelter.

This is what Saddam wanted us to see and know about. Not one of them has pointed out that all Saddam needed to do to prevent this terrible tragedy was to invite the International Red Cross to check each bunker used as an air-raid shelter and then paint a red cross on its roof.

3. Every single Scud missile which Saddam has launched since this war began has been aimed at civilian targets only. Not one has been aimed at a military target. (They are not capable of hitting military targets except by chance.) By contrast allied bombs can and do hit military targets very precisely.

Yours sincerely,
ARTHUR McDONALD,
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Lymington, Hampshire.
February 14.

From Mr Ali Mosawi

Sir, I am a British Iraqi with many close relatives not far from the shelter that was bombed. I write to you on behalf of those children and women who were maimed and burnt to plead to the politicians and military men to rethink their bombing strategy.

Like many other people, I rely on independent Western journalists reporting from Baghdad to form my opinion of the conduct of the Allies in their bombing campaign. It is becoming obvious to me that there is a hidden objective to destroy Iraq in the current war being waged against the people of that country. This objective is pursued under the cover of a cleverly conducted media campaign and devoured by part of the public that has been brainwashed into "gung-ho" attitudes.

I appeal to all women and men of faith – Jews, Christians, Muslims and Hindus – to raise their voices to demand the truth and pray for peace.

Yours faithfully,
ALI MOSAWI,
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Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.
February 14.

From Mr Terence J. Harris

Sir, News reporting from the Gulf seems to be dictated by "right to know" (an American political concept) rather than "need to know". I fear that the Iraqis may gain valuable military information from Western news reports.

Surely it is time we followed the "need to know" principle. I certainly do not need to know that a certain Scud missile fell on Ramat Gan, although it may help the Iraqi military to know. I do not need to know specific details of our training and possible tactics, but they might help Saddam Hussein.

If wounded British troops get sent to NHS hospitals for treatment, I do not need to know which hospitals, but perhaps this country's enemies would like to know. However, I do need to know that these wounded soldiers will be well guarded against the possibility of any terrorist attack.

Yours faithfully,
T. J. HARRIS,
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February 11.

From Mr Noel Falconer

Sir, Good intentions have already imperilled our forces in the Gulf. "Giving sanctions time to work" delayed the air and consequently the ground campaign that must be completed before that desert becomes too hot for effective mobile warfare in the spring.

The same decent people are now attempting to limit our war aims to the freeing of Kuwait only, which by implication would restrict our strategy. Modern weapons benefit the defence as well as the offence. We need to avoid the fortified border and make the Iraqi reserves move from their well-protected bunkers, move as far as possible moreover, so that the maximum attrition can be inflicted as they consume scarce fuel and spares.

This requires a thrust well to the west – a thrust, moreover, which can neither be ignored nor awaited, which means to Baghdad. It must not be inhibited by protest, however well-meaning.

Yours sincerely,
NOEL FALCONER,
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Hazel Grove, Stockport.

Power-sharing and internment in Northern Ireland

From Professor Cornelius O'Leary

Sir, Richard Ford reports (February 7) that Mr Peter Brooke's efforts to engage the leaders of Ulster parties in talks about the future administration of the province seem likely to fail, and that "he is in danger of losing credibility".

Mr Brooke, like his predecessors in the office of Secretary of State for Northern Ireland since its creation in 1972, has been following the principles first enunciated in the Green Paper, *The Future of Northern Ireland* (1972): viz., that any new political structures in Northern Ireland would have to give the "minority interests a share in the exercise of executive power" and that such structures should be "so far as possible acceptable to and accepted by the Republic of Ireland".

Since 1974 successive opinion polls have shown power-sharing to be the only political option acceptable to a majority of both Protestants and Catholics. In the latest, according to the *Belfast Telegraph* (January 30), 75 per cent of Protestant respondents and 64 per cent of Catholics were in this category.

In the current impasse, the IRA are able to entice young disaffected Catholics into their ranks, and in recent elections about one in every three Catholic voters supported Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA.

So if Mr Brooke spends a whole year patiently trying to bring the leaders of the main Ulster parties into talks about power-sharing and at the end has to admit failure, it is surely the party leaders, not the secretary of state, who lose credibility.

Yours sincerely,
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From Mr George Martelli

Sir, Were a policy of internment revived in Northern Ireland, as recommended by Major General Jeapes (February 12), none would benefit more from it than the inhabitants of the Catholic ghettos. For two decades these people have lived under a reign of terror imposed by the IRA.

If they are described as no-go areas it is not because the police are afraid to enter them, but that it would be useless for them to do so. No Catholic would dare to report a crime to them, or give them any information about it. Thus the gunmen are free to dispense their own rough justice in the form of knee-cappings and beatings.

No criticism of their activities or policy is allowed and there is no freedom of speech or movement. That this state of affairs should have been allowed by our democracy to continue for so long on British territory, when it could be stopped tomorrow by interning the gangsters, will be almost incredible to future historians.

I am, Sir, etc.,
GEORGE MARTELLI,
Wooth Manor Cottage,
Bridport, Dorset.
February 12.

From Mr James Rusbridger

Sir, There are two important flaws in General Jeapes's suggestion that internment should be reintroduced in Northern Ireland.

First, it would raise the international profile of the IRA. The government has always tried to avoid this by claiming they are merely a small bunch of thugs on the point of defeat.

Second, for how long would the internees be held? Experience shows that the majority of convicted IRA members resume their activities after release. It is, therefore, all the more likely that an unconvicted member, held without trial, would be even more anxious to do so.

The Israeli government has been detaining Arabs for quite some while without any sign of the violence diminishing.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES RUSBRIDGER,
Jasmine Cottage, Tremorebridge,
Lanivet, Bodmin, Cornwall.
February 12.

Appointing clergy

From Mrs Felicity Little

Sir, I agree with Mr Biddle (February 18) that the Church of England should adopt a more realistic system for appointing clergy. In seven years as a churchwarden I have had to cope with 30 months in interregnum.

Yours faithfully,
FELICITY LITTLE,
Font House, Teffont Magna,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.
February 18.

NHS trusts

From Dr T. L. Chambers

Sir, I wonder if Mr Martin Nelson's gloom about NHS trusts (February 16) is deepened or lightened by the fact that the date for their introduction is not only All Fools' Day but also a public holiday (except in Scotland).

Yours faithfully,
TIMOTHY CHAMBERS,
4 Clyde Park, Bristol, Avon.
February 17.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number – (071 782 5046).

Mortgage tax relief

From Mr R. G. Sutherland

Sir, Today's editorial on tax relief on mortgage interest fails to mention the fundamental flaw in the scheme – its failure to provide any benefit to the borrower.

The price of housing is directly related to what house-buyers can afford when stretched to the limit. The effect of long-term subsidy is simply to increase the price of the same houses, bought by the same people, by the additional principal which the subsidy will fund.

As the cost of building is more or less fixed, the subsidy directly increases the cost of building land. The only beneficiaries are the winners of the planning lottery with land to sell, people with surplus houses, and those whose commission is based on the price.

Popular attitudes to estate agents would suggest that a measure which would deprive them of a regular subsidy by the taxpayer would be highly popular. There is no reason why the process should be painful to anyone else. Phasing the reduction according to inflation could mean that the real cost of an existing £30,000 mortgage would still reduce over the period, as would the unreal price of housing.

Yours faithfully,
R. G. SUTHERLAND,
283 Hyde End Road,
Spencers Wood,
Reading, Berkshire.
February 4.

Wind-chill factor

From Mr Christopher D. Gay

Sir, I had some sympathy with retailers and their current plight until I attempted to purchase a cap to protect my cranium from the icy blast.

Each of five stores which I tried in Staines today said they had sold out and would not be restocking because spring fashions were now being introduced. They had presumably sold out because there was real demand and the snow outside did not seem a likely harbinger of spring.

Perhaps they would do better to wait until spring for spring fashions and cater for winter demand in winter.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER GAY,
13 Albion Road,
Sandhurst, Camberley, Surrey.
February 15.

'Eye for an eye' in its context

From the Chief Rabbi

Sir, It is time to lay to rest the old canard of "an eye for an eye" meaning physical retaliation in Jewish teaching.

Canon H. B. York (February 13) rightly asserts "that this provision was introduced into Mosaic law to limit and restrain excessive retribution", but he is quite wrong that this was "not to require any specific action by way of compensation." It was precisely that.

The charge that "an eye for an eye" referred to the *lex talionis* of literal retaliation originated from a New Testament misinterpretation (Matthew 5: 38, 39): "You have been told 'An eye for an eye', but I tell you to turn the other cheek."

In fact the Hebrew phrase *'ayin tahat 'ayin* never meant "an eye *for* an eye" but "an eye instead of an eye", and the Jewish tradition has always construed this to refer to monetary compensation to be paid "instead of" the victim's lost eye. *Tahat* invariably stands for a replacement.

The celebrated German-Jewish scholar Benno Jacob, in the classic monograph on the subject (*Auge um Auge*, Berlin, 1929), adduces eight distinct arguments to prove that the Hebrew text cannot have any other meaning.

Among these proofs are the expression "you shall *give* (not *take*) an eye" (Exodus 21: 23, 24); retaliation cannot ensure that the injury is commensurate (e.g., when the attacker only had one eye); and only for murder may no "ransom" (i.e., payment) be accepted (Numbers 35: 31).

The *lex talionis* was accepted in other ancient legislations, but "an eye for an eye" as commonly understood is completely alien to Jewish thought and practice.

Yours faithfully,
JAKOBOVITS,
Office of the Chief Rabbi,
Adler House,
Tavistock Square, WC1.
February 14.

From the Reverend Canon Michael Saward

Sir, I am grateful to Canon York for his sympathetic explanation of my recent General Synod reference to the *lex talionis* (report, January 30). He is quite right. I see it as the basis for a just penal law and certainly not in any literalistic sense. In my speech I made the very points that he has highlighted.

My daughter and I have had to work this out in the full glare of publicity since my vicarage was attacked in 1986, but our experience at that time did not create our convictions. We had to face in the wind tunnel of violent horror what had already been on our conceptual drawing board in advance.

To say, then, that society needs to recover the *lex talionis*, namely the principle of "just desert", is in no way to set it in conflict with the challenge to forgiveness which is presented by Jesus Christ and is the difficult road down which the Christian victim is called to tread.

I believe in both.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL SAWARD,
Chapter House,
St Paul's Churchyard, EC4.
February 14.

Erasing of the tone

From Mrs Robert Still

Sir, The freezing out of "tonal" music written in the 25 post-war years by British composers in favour of the avant-garde, atonal serialism of the Boulez-type is by now well documented. As Richard Morrison rightly says (article, February 13), Sir William Glock and Hans Keller of the BBC had between them the power to ensure that composers whose work did not fit their mould had no chance of having it performed in the most influential forms available.

Other orchestras and the recording companies not surprisingly took their cue from the BBC, with the result that listeners and concert-goers were deprived of the chance to judge the value of such tonal compositions for themselves.

My husband, Robert Still, who died 20 years ago, had all but one short piece turned down by the BBC, although several of his compositions were successfully performed under, among others, the late Sir Eugene Goossens and Richard Austin, as well as in a number of other countries, including Germany. His lengthy correspondence and personal conversations with Hans Keller bore witness to the accuracy of Morrison's remark: "to write tonal music was professional suicide".

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH STILL,
Bucklebury Lodge, Bucklebury,
Nr Reading, Berkshire.
February 13.

Progress licked

From Mr D. G. Evans

Sir, Many years ago the Post Office introduced the revolutionary system of perforated stamps which only required the addition of human saliva to enable them to be attached to an envelope.

Has any more inefficient, unhealthy, distasteful procedure so successfully withstood the onslaught of progress?

Yours faithfully,
D. G. EVANS,
46 Layton's Lane,
Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex.
February 15.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 19: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The President of the Republic of Bulgaria and Mrs Zheleva visited The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh and remained to luncheon.

The following were invited: His Excellency Mr Viktor Vulkov (Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers and Minister for Foreign Affairs), His Excellency Mr Dimitur Ludzhev (Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers), His Excellency the Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria and Mrs Stancioff, Mr and Mrs Richard Thomas, Sir Patrick and Lady Wright and Sir Isaiah and Lady Berlin.

The Right Hon John Major, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, attended receptions at St James's Palace for Young People who have reached the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

His Royal Highness, President of the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851, attended a dinner at the Armourers' Hall, Coleman Street, London EC2.

Brigadier Clive Robertson was in attendance.

The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

The Duchess of York this morning visited Central Saint Martin's College of Art and Design, Southampton Row, London W1.

Mrs John Floyd was in attendance.

Today is the Anniversary of the Birthday of The Duke of York.

CLARENCE HOUSE
February 19: Lieutenant-Colonel Iain Brooking Thomas today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Honorary Colonel, The Royal Yeomanry, upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer of the Regiment.

Lieutenant-Colonel Christopher Day also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming his appointment as Commanding Officer of The Royal Yeomanry.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 19: The Prince of Wales, Patron, Henry Doubleday Research Association, held a lunch to discuss the marketing of organic produce.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 19: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Colonel-in-Chief The Royal Highland Fusiliers (Princess Margaret's Own Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiment) today visited the Rear Party of the 1st Battalion at Oakington Barracks, Cambridge, and met personnel and families of those presently serving in the Gulf.

Her Royal Highness later visited 39 Engineer Regiment at Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire, and met personnel and families of those presently serving in the Gulf.

The Hon Mrs Wills and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 19: The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, the New Islington and Hackney Housing Association, this evening was present at a reception to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Association at the Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London, W1.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 19: The Duke of Kent, Patron of the London Philharmonic, this evening attended a concert, followed by supper, to celebrate the Orchestra's appointment of Residency of the South Bank Centre at the Royal Festival Hall, London SE1.

Commander Roger Walker was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Honorary Colonel of the Yorkshire Volunteers, today received Colonel R. J. Elliott on assuming the appointment of Regimental Colonel and Colonel A. E. Gaynor on relinquishing the appointment; Lieutenant Colonel W. J. Tovey on assuming command of the 1st Battalion and Lieutenant Colonel K. A. Peacock on relinquishing the appointment; Lieutenant Colonel J. Fox on assuming command of the 4th Battalion and Lieutenant Colonel T. J. Isles on relinquishing the appointment.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.J.D. Cload and Miss C.M. Hynard
The engagement is announced between Marcus, only son of Mr Barrie Cload, of Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire, and Mrs Megan Ward, of Stratford St Mary, Suffolk, and Caroline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs William Hynard, of Furneux Pelham, Hertfordshire.

Mr G.J. Dunlop and Miss V.C. Kinnell
The engagement is announced between Gilbert John, elder son of Mr and Mrs.S.H. Dunlop, of Northern Ireland, and Victoria Clare, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs John Kinnell, of Tollerton, York.

Mr R.H. Evelegh and Miss J.L. Adams
The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Evelegh, of Frittenden, Kent, and Jocelyn, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Adams, of Highgate, London.

Mr T G.J Gibbon and Miss A.J. Barker
The engagement is announced between Thomas, elder son of Mr and Mrs W F H. Gibbon, of Tendring, Essex, and Annabel, daughter of Mr and Mrs H.M.V. Barker, of Chessington, Surrey.

Mr L.D. Graham and Miss C.M. Sexton
The engagement is announced between Drysdale, second son of Mr and Mrs Leslie Graham, of Edinburgh, and Clare, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Stuart Sexton, of Hurnford Cottage, Sanderstead, Surrey.

Mr S.H. Harris and Miss S.J. Longmore
The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mrs A.H. Harris and the late Mr H.B. Harris, of Laleham, Middlesex, and Juliet, second daughter of Professor and Mrs D B. Longmore, of Staines, Middlesex.

Mr T.J. Humphreys and Miss S.L. Hicks
The engagement is announced between Toby, son of Colonel and Mrs C.A. Humphreys, of Berwick St James, Wiltshire, and Sarah, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Hicks, of Westerham Hill, Kent.

Mr A.W.S. Jones and Miss C.M. Owen
The engagement is announced between Simon, only son of Mr Derek Jones and of the late Mrs Mary Jones, of Connahs Quay, Clwyd, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Owen, of Llangollen, Clwyd.

Mr F.H.M. Sanders and Miss L.S. Davies
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Tom Sanders, of Nately Scures House, Nately Scures, Hampshire, and Lucy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Walter Davies, of Hungers Corner Farm, Petworth, West Sussex.

Mr A.H. Speaight and Miss G.A. Kooy-Lister
The engagement is announced between Anthony Hugh, son of Mr and Mrs G.V. Speaight, of Kew Gardens, Surrey, and Gabrielle Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.V. Kooy-Lister, of Sanderstead, Surrey.

Mr T.W. Tyson and Miss K.J. Pinsent
The engagement is announced between Thomas, twin son of Mr and Mrs D. Tyson, of Dorf House, Widdington, Essex, and Katherine, elder daughter of the Reverend and Mrs E.M. Pinsent, of Blendworth Rectory, Hampshire.

Mr C.J.H. Young and Miss C.A.M. Vale
The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of the late Mr Richard Young and of Mrs Young, of Cranleigh, Surrey, and Charlotte, daughter of Mr and Mrs Lionel Vale, of Westerham, Kent.

Appointments

Captain N. J. Wilkinson promoted to Rear Admiral, from January, and appointed to the Prospect team.

Captain G. N. Davis promoted to Rear Admiral and to be Director General Fleet Support (Policy and Services), in succession to Rear Admiral R. T. Frere, from July.

The Rev B. F. Neill to be Principal Chaplain, Church of Scotland and Free Churches (Naval), in succession to the Rev S. L. Williams, in July.

Dr David Slater to be Chief Inspector of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution. He will succeed Dr Frank Feates on May 1.

Mr Cliff Grantham to be special adviser to Mr John Patten and Mrs Angela Rumbold, Ministers of State at the Home Office. He succeeds Mr John Taylor, the prospective parliamentary candidate for Cheltenham.

Mr Robert Osborne to be the first full-time Director of the Tree Council, the charity which promotes the planting and conservation of trees.

Dr Jo Ivey Boufford to be Director of the King's Fund College, King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, from March 15, in succession to Mr Gordon Best.

Church news

Retirements

The Rev Lionel Shotlander, Vicar, Twyford and Owslebury and Morestead, diocese Winchester: to retire as from 31 May.

The Rev J David Watson, Vicar, Coleford w Holcombe, diocese Bath and Wells: retired as from 31 January.

Mr K R Stott, Associate Director of Education (North Yorkshire), diocese Ripon: retired as from 1 January.

Appointments

Mr George J W Pipe, Diocesan Officer for the Church Urban Fund, diocese St Edmundsbury and Ipswich: to be also Lay Chaplain and Personal Assistant to the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.
Sister Janet Rourke, Minister-in-Charge, St Bride, Liverpool, diocese Liverpool: to be also Chaplain to Archbishop Blanch School for Girls, same diocese.
Mrs Barbara Slater, Assistant Diocesan Communications Officer, diocese Chelmsford: to be Diocesan Communications Officer, diocese Bath and Wells.

Scottish Episcopal Church

The Rev Robert Arthur Gillies, Chaplain, University of Dundee (Brechin) to be Rector of St Andrew's, St Andrews (St Andrews Dunkeld and Dunblane).
The Rev Simon Paul Holland, Team Rector (Lewes) to be Priest-in-Charge St Matthew's, Possilpark (Glasgow and Galloway).
The Rev Karan Brewin, Honorary NSM Deacon, St Aidan's, Clarkston (Glasgow and Galloway).

Church in Wales

Diocese of St Asaph

The Rev David John Hart, Assistant Curate of Llanrhos, to be Vicar of Rhosllanerchrugog, deanery of Wrexham.
The Rev Tom Atkinson Stillings, Vicar in the rectorial benefice of Wrexham, to be Rector of Trefnant.
The Rev Terence Eugene Mart, Assistant Curate of Prestatyn, to be Rector of Llangystennin (Llandudno Junction).

OBITUARIES

FULKE WALWYN

Fulke Walwyn, National Hunt trainer, died on February 18 aged 80. He was born on November 8, 1910.

IN A career lasting 50 years Fulke Walwyn captured every important jumping race in the calendar. In some he was responsible for the winning horse at least half a dozen times and his final winning tally was 2,188 races won.

He first made his mark in the record books as an amateur rider and had a remarkable Grand National success in 1936. Two fences from home, going easily, the 100-1 outsider, Davy Jones, ridden by Anthony Mildmay, looked a certain winner. But then his reins broke. Meanwhile, Walwyn on Reynoldstown had survived losing not only his whip at Valentine's first time round, but also, more seriously, an iron when his mount blundered on the final circuit. Carrying 12st 2lb and conceding 23 lbs to Davy Jones, the tiring Reynoldstown then had a dozen lengths to make up on his only serious rival. Walwyn, however, with great perseverance and strength from the saddle, ensured that he did so, and, albeit helped by Davy Jones's misfortune, went away to win comfortably.

In 1937 Walwyn turned professional, riding for George Beeby, but a fall and a badly broken arm kept him out of action for much of the season. He had already survived a serious fall and head injuries but in 1938 at Ludlow he had an even worse accident. Unconscious for a month, he was fitted with a metal plate in his head and doctors warned that further injury might prove fatal. Walwyn, heeding the advice, took out a licence to train at Delamere House, Lambourn, in 1939.

Fulke Thomas Tyndall Walwyn was born in Wrexham. His father was a serving officer in the Royal Welch Fusiliers, an outstanding show-jumper and devoted to hunting. Walwyn was in the saddle early, taking part in gymkhanas, show-jumping and hunting and continued to do so at school at Malvern. After Sandhurst he was commissioned into the Ninth Lancers. In 1935, however, in a stuffy matter of regimental etiquette, he was obliged to resign. His "offence" was evening newspaper publicity concerning a court hearing following a fracas in a Soho nightclub. Walwyn had appeared as a witness — but for the prosecution.

By the time war was declared, he had achieved 18 winners as a trainer. He was recalled to the colours but his injuries at first prevented active participation and dictated a most unlikely role: in the Military Police. This turned out to have its advantages. He was able to commute between Tidworth and Lambourn where he and his then wife, Diana, continued to run their small establishment. Later he was medically upgraded, rejoined the Ninth Lancers, and served in France. In 1944, Walwyn moved his quarters to Saxon House, Lambourn, where he lived for the rest of his life.

By 1946, with National Hunt racing regaining momentum after the wartime break, he was leading trainer for the first time. In the same year, the late Miss Dorothy Paget sent him some chasers and hurdlers. This was a turning point in his fortunes, though at the time it was not universally seen as such. The eccentric Miss Paget was endowed with limitless money but an equally infinite ruthlessness towards trainers who could not strike the success she craved. Walwyn appeared to be the latest candidate for serving his brief time before joining a lengthy list of summary dismissals by the owner. However, this proved far from being the case and Walwyn eventually earned the reputation of being the man who, at last, had "tamed Dorothy Paget."

It was a successful association. On one afternoon in 1948 Walwyn saddled five Paget winners at Folkestone. He was champion jumps trainer on a further two occasions and gained victories for his mercurial patron on the flat, when he sent out Aldborough to win both the Queen Alexandra Stakes and Doncaster Cup in 1950. Three years before Walwyn had won both the Scottish Grand National and the King George VI Chase with Rowland Boy and in 1952 he sent out Mont Tremblant, carrying the Paget colours, to win the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

In the early 1960s came some of his best and really great horses: Mandarin, the little chaser, once described as "a nonpareil of courage and toughness," who was owned by Mme Hennessy; Bill Golling's Mill House, winner of the Cheltenham Gold Cup, Hennessy and King George VI Chase, all in 1963; and Team Spirit, another pocket-sized hero owned by an American partnership and carrying the colours of Jack Goodman when, at the fifth attempt at the age of 12, he won the Grand National in 1964.

Although Walwyn himself chose Diamond Edge, dual Whitbread winner in 1979 and 1981, as his "greatest training triumph", many would argue in favour of Mandarin as equally representative of the trainer's skill. He won the first running of the Hennessy in 1957 and the Cheltenham Gold Cup, as well as the King George VI Chase twice. He was three times runner-up in the Whitbread and, with his rider, Fred Winter, was co-star of an epic afternoon at Auteuil in 1962 when capturing the Grand Steeplechase de Paris despite a broken bridle. Yet his career, like that of Diamond Edge, was beset with injury and setbacks which would have defeated a less-inspired trainer. One of Walwyn's great gifts lay in an almost clairvoyant instinct about, and feeling for, horses which were difficult to keep sound. He never hurried a horse for the sake of a quick return.

In 1973, on the death of Peter Cazalet, Walwyn became trainer to the Queen Mother. This happy association produced a flow of victories in the royal colours, notably with Game Spirit, winner of 21 races; Isle of Man, another prolific winner; Tammuz, victorious in the 1975 Schweppes Gold Trophy; and, yet another illustration of expertise with older horses possessed of less than perfect legs, the game old campaigner, Special Cargo, winner of three Grand Military Gold Cups, who in the 1984 Whitbread beat his stable-companion, Diamond Edge, into third place.

Among other famous horses were: the Champion Hurdlers, Anzio and Kirriemuir; The Dikler, winner of a King George VI Chase and a Whitbread, who ran in every Cheltenham Gold Cup between 1970 and 1976, beating Pendil by a short-head in 1973, as well as being runner-up and twice third in other years; and Taxidermist, ridden by John Lawrence (now Lord Oaksey) with a Whitbread and a Hennessy to his credit.

The formidable statistics of Walwyn-trained important winners include the Whitbread Gold Cup, Hennessy Gold Cup, and Grand Military Gold Cup seven times apiece; the King George VI Chase five times; the Cheltenham Gold Cup four times the Scottish Grand National and the Champion Hurdle twice each; and the Grand National once. He was champion jumps trainer five times.

Walwyn was a man who measured his words, but in his gravelly voice spoke from a deep well of equine lore. Training was his life and he had little interest in other pursuits. When he was 60 he said: "I'm getting a bit old, I may give it another year or two before retiring." That was one of his forecasts which happily proved well wide of the mark. He did not give up his licence for another 19 years, retiring at the end of the 1989-90 season and handing over the running of Saxon House to his second wife, Cath, his first wife having died in 1949. Shortly afterwards it was announced that the Kim Muir Memorial Chase — the three-mile race for amateur riders on the opening day of the Cheltenham National Hunt Festival — was to be renamed The Fulke Walwyn Challenge Cup Chase.

He leaves his widow, Cath, and a daughter.

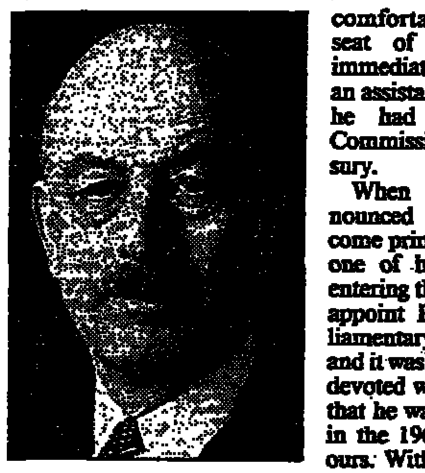
SIR FRANCIS PEARSON

Sir Francis Fenwick Pearson, Bt, MBE, Conservative MP for Clitheroe from 1959 to 1970 and chief minister of Manipur State before Indian independence, died on February 17 aged 79. He was born on June 13, 1911.

SIR Frank Pearson served his country in India, at Westminster and, above all, in the northwest of England where his family had its roots. Behind him were generations of Westmorland solicitors and it was there and in Lancashire, where he lived for so long and which he represented so loyally, that he was most fulfilled.

He was the son of Frank Pearson, a Kirkby Lonsdale solicitor, but he decided not to follow him into the family profession. After Uppingham and Trinity Hall, Cambridge, he went straight to India and a commission in the 1st Gurkha Rifles with whom he saw active service on the northwest frontier. From 1934 to 1936 he was ADC to the Viceroy of India, Lord Willingdon, after which he transferred to the Indian political service, where he progressed steadily until he was appointed chief minister of Manipur State in 1945. This phase of his life ended with Indian independence and, although offered the opportunity to enter the foreign service in 1947, he went back instead to the northwest, where he farmed at Gressingham in Lancashire.

But though these were among his happiest years it was obvious that agriculture alone was not enough for a man of his character and experience in early middle life and he was soon to serve as a



JP and a rural district councillor and on the boards of a number of local organisations. Almost inevitably, though, his talents took him away from local politics and in 1959 he was elected MP for the comfortably Conservative seat of Clitheroe. Almost immediately he was appointed an assistant whip and by 1962 he had become a Lord Commissioner of the Treasury.

When Lord Home renounced his earldom to become prime minister in 1963, one of his first actions on entering the Commons was to appoint Pearson as his parliamentary private secretary and it was in recognition of his devoted work in this capacity that he was created a baronet in the 1964 resignation honours. With the ending of the Douglas-Home premiership Pearson was content to remain on the back benches and, indeed, his thoughts during the Wilson governments of 1964 and 1966 turned more and more away from Westminster and towards his beloved north country. It was with a sense of relief and fulfilment that he did not fight the 1970 general election but returned to spend the rest of his life in Lancashire.

Here he farmed again, fished, started a building materials factory to help employment and was chairman for a time of Lancashire's Red Rose radio station. From 1971 to 1986 he was chairman of the Central Lancashire New Town Development Corporation which he saw as one of the most rewarding roles of his career. He was a Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire.

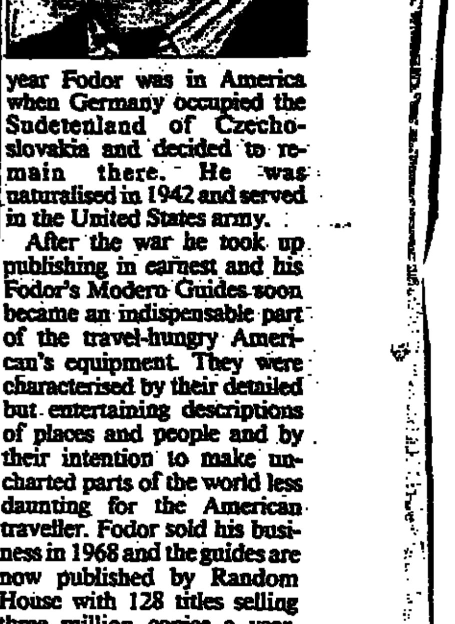
He was married in 1938 to Katharine Fraser, member of a well known family from just the other side of the border. She survives him, together with their son Nicholas, who succeeds to the baronetcy, and their daughter Susan.

EUGENE FODOR

Eugene Fodor, Hungarian-born American travel guide writer, died in Torrington, Connecticut, on February 19 aged 85. He was born on October 14, 1905.

THE books produced by Eugene Fodor before the war set a benchmark for what became the accepted idea of a popular travel guide. His aim from the outset was to appeal to a mass audience and the end product was necessarily different in emphasis from the products of Michelin or Baedeker of those days, with their solidly cultural itineraries. Getting about the country, making yourself at home in it and, above all, not spending more money than necessary were the hallmarks of the Fodor approach, and though his first guides were produced while he was still in Europe they were well received in America, where he subsequently based himself.

Eugene Fodor was born in Léva, Hungary, but went to France for his university education, graduating in economics and politics from Grenoble University in 1927. After three years as travel correspondent in Hungary he came to London in 1934 and began writing travel books himself, the first being *1936 On the Continent*. The book, which covered 25 European countries, struck a conversational note which made it easily accessible to many to whom travel was still something of a daunting adventure. Its reputation spread to the United States where, after the publishers Houghton Mifflin asked Fodor to include England, Ireland and Scotland, *Europe 1937* appeared in 1938. In that year Fodor was in America when Germany occupied the Sudetenland of Czechoslovakia and decided to remain there. He was naturalised in 1942 and served in the United States army.



After the war he took up publishing in earnest and his Fodor's Modern Guides soon became an indispensable part of the travel-hungry American's equipment. They were characterised by their detailed but entertaining descriptions of places and people and by their intention to make uncharted parts of the world less daunting for the American traveller. Fodor sold his business in 1968 and the guides are now published by Random House with 128 titles selling three million copies a year. Fodor once summed up his own attitude to modern tourism, seeing in it "...the greatest mass migration in human history" with travellers crossing "each other's boundaries in a peaceful, useful and joyous invasion."

In the 1970s Howard Hunt, a former CIA agent and a key figure in the Watergate scandal, alleged that Fodor, too, had been a CIA agent and that other agents had hidden behind the cover of being Fodor travel writers. Fodor conceded that he had cooperated with the CIA on occasions, but denied ever having been an agent himself.

Fodor is survived by his wife, Vlasta.

Birthdays today

Mr Robert Altman, film director, 66; the Right Rev George Appleton, former Archbishop in Jerusalem, 89; Miss Ruth Gipps, conductor and composer, 70; Mr Jimmy Greaves, broadcaster and footballer, 51; Mr Eddie Hemmings, cricketer, 42; Sir Owain Jenkins, company director, 84; Commandant Dame Marion Kettlewell, former director, WRNS, 77.

Mr Mike Leigh, dramatist and director, 48; Mr Donald Longmore, cardiac surgeon, 63; Miss Ella Maillart, explorer, 88; Professor Sir William Mansfield Cooper, former vice-chancellor, Manchester University, 88; Mr Phil Neal, footballer, 40; Mr David O'Dowd, chief constable, Northamptonshire, 49; Sir Frederick Page, former chairman, Aircraft Group, British Aerospace, 74; Dr Valerie Payne, headmistress, Malvern Girls' College, 51; Mr Sidney Poitier, actor, 64; Vice-Admiral Sir Cameron Rusby, 65.

£42,000 reject

A book which Brighton library in East Sussex put on sale because nobody read it has been sold at auction for £42,000. *The Principles of Political Economy*, by the Rev T.R.Malthus, a shabby first edition soft-backed book measuring eight inches by five, was donated to the Brighton Free Library more than a century ago.

Librarians have been advised to check their stock of unwanted books for other valuable items.

Dinners

Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851
The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851, attended a dinner last night at Armourers' Hall to mark the centenary of the commission's educational awards. The following commissioners were present:

Sir Denis Rooke (chairman of the board of management), Sir Diarmuid Downs, Mr S Z de Ferranti, Sir Peter Gadsden, Sir Arnold Hall, Miss Hermione Hobhouse, the Right Hon John MacGregor, MP, Mr D H Maitland, Miss K M H Mortimer, Mr O Roith, Professor R T Severn, Sir Frederick Warner, Sir Richard Way, Dame Margaret Weston, Mr W Whitfield and Mr M C Neale (secretary to the commissioners).

Sir William Barlow, Dr A J P Kenny and Mr C A H James were also present.

Former 1851 award holders were represented by Professors A D Buckingham, Sir Francis Graham-Smith, N N Greenwood, H E Hall, C H Hassall, M S Longair, C B Reese and J H Westcott and the Lord Todd.

Dr D M Brink (former Rutherford Scholar) also attended and the current award holders were represented by Mr A G W Davis and Dr R A Lewis.

London House for Overseas Graduates
Mr Alastair Robinson, a Governor of the London House for Overseas Graduates, and Mr John McCready, deputy director, received the guests at the annual accountancy, banking and business dinner for graduates at London House and William Goodenough House held last night at London House.

RN College, Greenwich
Mr J.G. Collier delivered the graduation address at a reception and dinner held last night at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, to mark the conferment of degrees in nuclear reactor technology and radiological protection on students from the Department of Nuclear Science and Technology. Professor D.C.C. Gibbs, deputy director of the department, presided. Admiral Sir Brian Brown, Second Sea Lord and Admiral President of the college, attended.

The London Scottish Regiment
The Lord Mayor, Sir Alexander Graham, accompanied by the City Marshal, was the guest of honour at a dinner held at Regimental Headquarters last night by the London Scottish Regiment. Colonel John Clemence, Regimental Colonel, presided. Other guests included:

Field Marshal Lord Bramall, Lieutenant-General Sir Edward Jones, Major-General D Murray Naylor, Major-General C W B Purdon, Major-General M J H Walsh, Brigadier P C Bowser, Brigadier I A Sim, Mr David Maclean, MP, Mr A J Macdonald-Buchanan, Captain C Morris-Adams, Lieutenant-Colonel R A H Nunneley and the Rev J McIndoe.

Paviors' Company

The following have been installed officers of the Paviors' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr D.S. Little; Upper Warden, Mr W.E. Heinemann; Renter Warden, Mr A.W.D. Marshall.

Luncheons

Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers Association
The Hon Douglas Hogg, QC, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers Association of Britain held yesterday at the Travellers' Club. Mr Robert Mauthner, president, presided.

HM Government
Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Minister for Overseas Development, was host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House yesterday in honour of Dr Ghebray Berhane, Secretary-General of EC African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States.

English-Speaking Union
Mrs Valerie Mitchell, Deputy Director-General of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, received the guests at a literary luncheon held yesterday at Dartmouth House. Lady Gore-Booth presided and Lady Smedley was the guest of honour and speaker. Lady Greenhill of Harrow also spoke.

Service luncheon

RASC and RCT
Lieutenant Colonel M. H. G. Young was entertained at luncheon yesterday at Mark Masons' Hall by the committee and members of the Royal Army Service Corps and Royal Corps of Transport Officers' Luncheon Club. Brigadier D.N. Locke, chairman, presided.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give a reception for the winners of the Queen's Awards for Export and Technology at Buckingham Palace at 6.00.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend a luncheon with the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London at the Central Criminal Court at 12.40.

The Prince of Wales will visit Rolls-Royce, Bristol, at 10.30.

The Princess of Wales will visit the offices of Childline Scotland, Stockwell Street, Glasgow, at 11.45; the head office of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Society for the Deaf, 100 Norfolk Street, at 12.55; the Glasgow Women's Reproductive Health Service Group at the Glasgow Royal Maternity Hospital at 1.45; and the Gulf Crisis Self-Help Support Group, 27 Elmbank Street, at 2.25. Later, as Patron of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, she will attend the 1991 Mountbatten Festival of Music at the Albert Hall at 7.15.

The Duchess of York will visit Mildmay Mission Hospital, Hackney Road, at 1.45.

Prince Edward will visit RAF Uxbridge at 10.00 to meet families of those serving in the Gulf.

The Duchess of Kent will attend a service at the Church of St Andrew's, Holborn, at 4.50 to mark the move of the Royal College of Organists from Kensington Gore to St Andrew's.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Honore Daumier, artist, Marseilles, 1808; Georges Bernanos, novelist, Paris, 1888.

DEATHS: James I of Scotland, reigned 1406-37, murdered, Perth, 1437; Mrs Elizabeth Rowe, poet, Frome, Somerset, 1737; Joseph Hume, social reformer, Burnely Hall, Norfolk, 1855; Robert Peary, Arctic explorer, Washington, 1920; Sir Leonard Woolley, archaeologist, London, 1960; Percy Grainger, composer, White Plains, New York, 1961.

Defeat of the Dutch fleet under Admiral Van Tromp by Admiral Blake off Portsmouth, 1653.

Road threat

Archaeologists have been given six weeks to study some Saxon iron-smelting ovens, said to be the best examples in Europe, which have been unearthed in Gillingham, Dorset, before the site disappears beneath a new £8million road.

Park preserved

Longlands, a 30-acre wildlife and country park at Cleator, Cumbria, which the county council wished to sell, will remain open to the public after a chemical company, Albright & Wilson, of Whitehaven, has agreed to pay maintenance costs.

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I trust in God and am not afraid: I praise him for what he has promised. What can a mere human being do to me? Psalm 56 : 4 GNB

BIRTHS

BENNETT - On January 24th, to Susan and Andrew, a daughter, Sophie Catherine Stella, a sister to Barnaby and Toby.

CARROLL - On February 17th, to Nicola (née Hodgson) and Peter, a daughter, Robin Evelyn, a sister for James.

CLARKSON WEBB - On February 14th, to Anne (née Weston) and Simon, a son, William Edward, a brother for Emma and Georgina.

COYLE - On February 7th, at The Portland Hospital, to Jean (née Hamilton) and Tony, a daughter, Amy Elizabeth.

du PONT - On February 15th, at St Mary's, to Jenny (née Young) and Pierre, a daughter, Grace Hays Holcomb.

FOX - On February 17th, at Pembury Hospital, to Sue (née Douglas) and Chris, a lovely daughter, Phoebe Alice.

GILLETTE - On February 6th 1991, at St Peter's, Chertsey, to Gillian and John, a handsome son, Edward Henry, a brother for Thomas.

ISMAIL - On February 14th, at The Portland Hospital, to Helen and Nashwan, a son, Dean David.

McGRATH - On February 19th 1991, at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, to Irene (née Anderson) and Richard, a son, Cameron James Williamson, a brother for Stuart.

NEILL - On February 18th, to Dilys (née Garratt) and William, a daughter, Alice, a sister for Simon and Henry.

OSBORN - On February 17th, in Canterbury, to Janie (née McRitchie) and Hamish, a son, Charles William Robert Donald, a brother for Alice.

PHILLIPS - On February 12th 1991, in London, to Malcolm and Claire (née de Villoutreys), a daughter, Ines.

POCOCK - On February 14th, at The Maidstone Hospital, to Fiona (née Smith) and Andrew, a son, Alexander.

POYSER - On February 16th, to Margaret (née Kaluza) and Edward, a daughter, Emily Cecilia.

SIMPSON - On February 19th, to Pepita (née Hollingsworth) and Keith, a son, George Harry.

SWINDALE - On Saturday February 16th, to Jill (née Darby) and Paul, a son Roger Paul, a brother for George.

WALKER - On February 17th 1991, to Elizabeth (née Flew) and Paul, a daughter, Camilla Jane.

WASTIE - On February 17th, at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Jane (née Oliver) and Colin, a son and heir, Benjamin James.

WELLS - On January 20th 1991, at Aiiku Hospital, Tokyo, to Susie and John a daughter, Olivia Sachiko Jane, a sister for Claire and Hana Jane.

DEATHS

ADAMS - On February 18th 1991, Isabel Grace (née Portman), aged 99, formerly of Orchard Portman, widow of Sir Theodore Adams. Private cremation. Donations if desired to the R.S.P.B.

BARLING - On February 17th 1991, suddenly at home, Charmian Eva Jane, much loved mother of Marion and Colin, mother-in-law of Michael and grandmother of Gemma and James. Funeral Monday February 25th at 2 pm at St Hugh's Church, Buckden, Cambs. Flowers to T.L. Cobbold, 54 High Street, Hail Weston, Huntingdon, Cambs.

BAWTREE - On Friday February 16th 1991, Kenneth Scott, much loved father of Nick, Jenny, Sally and Lindy and wonderful 'Bumps' to all his grandchildren, with the courage we have long admired, peacefully to join his beloved Jane. The funeral service will be held at St Mary and St Gabriel, South Harting, on Friday February 22nd at 3 pm. Flowers to Lintott & Son, North Street, Midhurst, Sussex or donations to Lintotts to the Friends of King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst.

BLACK - On February 16th 1991, peacefully at Ruchill Hospital, Glasgow, James Young Black, beloved son of James and Elizabeth Black and dearest brother of George.

BROWNING - On February 18th, peacefully at Royal Marsden Hospital, at the age of 84, Anne, much loved mother of Anne and Mary, mother-in-law of Roger and Ian and grandmother of Giles, Humphry, Oliver and Bartholomew. Funeral Service at St George's Church, Campden Hill, London W8, on Tuesday February 26th at 11 am, followed by cremation at Golders Green. Family flowers only; donations welcomed by Royal Marsden Cancer Appeal, 203 Fulham Road, SW3 6JJ.

COLE - On Monday February 18th, peacefully, Mabel Elizabeth, dear sister of Joan, Freda and Lewis and the late Harold and Walter. Funeral Service at Petersfield Methodist Church on Monday February 25th at 11 o'clock. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to the Methodist Missionary Society c/o Funeral Services Petersfield Ltd., 19 The Square, Petersfield, Hants., (0730) 62711.

CONLON JACKSON - On February 16th 1991, at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Mary, dearly loved wife of Steve, mother to Tara, Maya, Nikhil, daughter of Winifred Conlon and sister to Teresa. Sadly missed by family and friends. Requiem Mass, Church of Our Lady, Chesham Road, Amersham, Bucks., 10.30 am Friday February 22nd 1991. Flowers, Cooks Funeral Services, 72 Broad Street, Chesham, Bucks. Donations if wished to Royal Marsden Cancer Fund, Appeal Office, 203 Fulham Road, London SW3 6JJ.

COWLING - On February 16th 1991, peacefully, Miss W.A. (Anne or Freda) Cowling, elder daughter of the late Mr & Mrs H.W. Cowling of Sherborne, Dorset. Funeral Service on Friday February 22nd at Efford Crematorium, Plymouth at 10.30 am. No flowers please, donations if desired for Pocklington Rise Home for the Blind may be sent to Walter Parson, St Mary's View, Plympton, Plymouth, PL7 3QW. tel: (0752) 343848.

CRADDOCK - On Monday February 18th, at home, 10 months after a successful liver transplant, Frank Thomas, aged 60 years. Beloved husband of Ann (Warrington) and much loved father, stepfather and step-grandfather. Funeral at St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, London EC2, on Monday February 25th at 12.10 pm, followed by cremation. Donations, if wished, to St Mary-le-Bow at his request.

de LEON - On February 16th 1991, Beatie. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium, today at 2 pm. Donations to Save the Children Fund.

DIXEY - On February 13th 1991, Godfrey William Beaumont, suddenly at home. Cremation Tunbridge Wells Crematorium, 2.30 pm February 21st. No flowers, donations to The Heart Foundation. Contact: (0892) 22023.

FFRENCH DAVIS - On February 17th, Agnes, peacefully at 67 Holland Park. Fortified by the last Rites, aged 87, sister of Peter and Marguerite (Sr Jane Frances). Requiem Mass 11 am, February 28th at Brompton Oratory. No flowers please, burial private.

FOSTER - On February 18th 1991, peacefully in her 93rd year, Molly, widow of N.J.A. (Johnnie) Foster, O.B.E., M.C. Loved mother of June Fisher and Michael Foster, grandmother of Juliet, Jonathan, Guy, John and Sean. Funeral at St John's Church, Woodbridge, on Friday March 1st at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Abbeyfield Deben Extra Care Society, Highlands, Fitzgerald Road, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 1EN.

GUTTRIDGE - On February 14th, Lucy Jane, tragically in the M40 road accident, aged 26 years, greatly loved daughter of Mrs. Barbara Guttridge and the late Dr. David Guttridge, dearly loved sister of Peter and Yvonne, Carole and Laurie and Nancy, adored aunty of Leonie, Tristan, Justine, Jamie and Rosie, also deeply loved by Steve. Funeral service at Carlby Church on Thursday 21st February at 2pm, followed by cremation. Flowers or donations. All enquiries to Sundall and Robinson 0778 422039 or Mrs Guttridge 0778 33220.

GUEST - On February 16th, suddenly in hospital, Dennis William, of Rye, Sussex, dearly loved husband of Janet, dear father of Julia, Charles and Bill and beloved grandfather. Funeral Service at Charing Crematorium, 1 pm Friday February 22nd. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the R.N.L.I.

HALL - On February 18th, peacefully in hospital, Joan Evelyn, widow of Eddie, dearly loved and sadly missed mother of Shirley and grandmother of Jeremy and Alexandra. Funeral Service at St Paul's, Monaco, on Saturday February 23rd at 10.45 am. Flowers to: Athanee, 14 Ave Pasteur, 14 Monaco.

HILL - On February 16th 1991, peacefully at home, Charles Harold, Beloved husband of the late Dorothea Hill and deeply loved step-father of Shirley, Nicholas and of their families. Funeral Service at Sulgrave Church, 2 pm on Friday February 22nd. In memory of his family's long association with Culworth, donations may be sent to Culworth Church Appeal Fund c/o Simon Langdale, Park House, Culworth, Banbury, Oxon. He will be so greatly missed by all who knew him.

HOSFORD - On February 10th 1991 suddenly at home John Percival M.S. F.R.C.S aged 90 years. Dearly loved husband of Millicent and father of John and Elizabeth. A private cremation has already taken place. At his special request no memorial service. Please no letters.

HUGHES - see Powell Hughes.

JACKSON - On February 16th 1991, peacefully at his Nottingham home, Ralph, in his 87th year. Dearly loved father of Michael and Anthony, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at St Jude's, Mapperley, Nottingham, at 12 noon Monday February 25th, followed by family cremation. No flowers please, donations if desired to the Boys Brigade, 1 Galena Road, London W6 0LT.

LACY - On February 13th, John Hylton Weymouth, suddenly but peacefully at home, beloved husband of Anne, beloved of Marie-Louise, Christopher and Adrienne, Richard and Kathryn. Cremation family only, strictly private. No flowers. Donations if desired may be sent to The Wheelwrights General Charitable Trust Fund, Greenup, Milton Avenue, Gerrards Cross SL9 8QW. Thanksgiving Service at St Margaret Pattens, Eastcheap EC3, on Thursday February 28th at 2.30 pm.

LE GRAND - On February 16th, suddenly at home, Jean-Pierre, loving husband of Ginette and father of Noel and Caroline. Funeral Tuesday February 26th, 12.30 pm at Holy Trinity Church, Church Crookham, Aldershot Road, Hants., then at 1.30 pm at The Park Crematorium, Guildford Road, Aldershot, Hants. No flowers, donations to charity of choice.

LEITCH - On February 19th 1991, Frederick, at Stogumber, Somerset. All enquiries to F.H. Willicombe, Funeral Directors, Williton. Tel: (0984) 32420.

LEONARD - On February 14th 1991, peacefully at home, Ursula Marian, beloved widow of William. Service at St Cyprian's Church, Clarence Gate, Glentworth Street, NW1, at 11 am on Monday February 25th, followed by cremation at Golders Green at 12.30. No flowers, but donations to The British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London W1R 4DH.

LESCHALLAS - see Pige Leschallas.

MAINWARING - On February 17th 1991, Randle Kynaston Lloyd Salusbury, peacefully at his home, of Trefnant, St Asaph, Clwyd. Beloved husband of Dorothy. Funeral Service and interment at Holy Trinity Church, Trefnant, on Friday February 22nd at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Trefnant Church Fund, per R. Morris Funeral Director, St Asaph Road, Trefnant, Denbigh, Clwyd, tel: (0745) 74369.

MANBY-COLEGRAVE - On February 17th, peacefully at home, Pamela Mary, aged 82 years. Funeral Service at St Walburga's Roman Catholic Church, Plowden, Shropshire, on Friday February 22nd at 12 noon. Enquiries to Allen & Son, (0608) 50100.

ON THIS DAY

FEB 20 1788

The trial of Warren Hastings (1732-1818), governor general of Bengal 1773-84 in the service of the East India Company, lasted for more than seven years. In its early days, the proceedings were almost a social event; by 1795, when Hastings was acquitted on all charges, there was little public interest.

THE TRIAL OF WARREN HASTINGS, Esq.

Sixth Day

The Court met again yesterday on the business of the impeachment.

At eleven o'clock the Commons entered the Hall, shortly after them the Peers; and at ten minutes before twelve Mr. Burke began the finishing part of the first charge.

Without entering into the detail of Mr. Burke's speech, which we do not consider ourselves authorised to particularise, the principal aim of Mr. Burke's speech, was directed to Mr. Hastings's receipt of bribes and extortion of monies contrary to the oath administered to him on his appointment as Governor General of Bengal.

These bribes were received through the hands of a third person, and this was a man notorious throughout the provinces of Bengal for his enormities and cruelties — a man whose name was synonimous to every species of guilt and villainy. This man was Ganga Govim Sing, whom Mr. Hastings invested with authorities inimical to the interests of the India Company, and a source of torment to the peaceful natives — a man who was the confidant and agent of Mr. Hastings. That notwithstanding, this notoriety of his bad character, this man was recommended by Mr. Hastings to the Court of Directors, as a person whom nobody accused of harm, and who was uncommonly clever.

The conclusion of Mr. Burke's oration was animated, pathetic, and replete with that energy and force of language almost peculiar to himself.

I impeach, he says, Warren Hastings, Esq. of cruelty and oppression. I impeach him of deviating from the duties imposed on him by a solemn oath — I impeach him of a breach of faith, in almost every engagement he ever entered into — I impeach him of receiving bribes which he turned to corrupt and oppressive purposes — I impeach him of betraying his trust...

As soon as Mr. Burke was seated, Mr. Fox rose to enquire what mode the Lords meant to adopt in the prosecution of this impeachment. Whether it was their intention that Mr. Hastings should answer to the charges severally one by one, as they were brought forward, or whether Mr. Hastings should delay his defence, till all the charges were brought forward collectively. Mr. Fox urged, in a very strong and forceful manner, the adoption of the former mode of procedure, and quoted the instance of several precedents, that this mode ought to be observed.

Dr. Scott, a counsel for Mr. Hastings, at length rose, and in a speech of some length, and abounding with ingenious argument, strongly urged their Lordships to hear all the charges of impeachment gone through before Mr. Hastings should open his defence.

He was followed by Mr. Plomer and Mr. Dallas; the latter was very pointed and impressive. He said that when their Lordships had heard the whole of the charges, and were in possession of all the arguments and evidence against Mr. Hastings, they would be less liable to confound their judgement.

Mr. Fox followed Mr. Dallas, and in one of the most brilliant, learned, and argumentative speeches delivered in a court of judicature, or in any other place, explained the nature of juridicial proceedings and applied them to the case in question.

Mr. Fox was throughout so animated and entertaining, that the dropping of a pin might have been almost heard. Nearly the whole of the company remained till he had finished, which was not till it was near dark.

Mr. Hastings remained with the same apparently manly composure, as on the preceding days; he was much in conversation with his counsel.

MITCHELL - On February 16th 1991, after a long illness courageously fought, Michèle Madeleine, aged 46, dearest wife of Julian and and devoted mother of Laura and Ross. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium (East Chapel) on Monday February 25th at 11.20 am. All enquiries to A. France & Son, tel: (071) 405-4901.

MORRIS - On February 15th, peacefully, Francis, beloved husband of Dora and brother of Kay, much loved father of Mack and John, dearly loved by all his family and friends. Memorial Service at Christ Church, Lubbock Road, Chislehurst on Thursday February 21st at 3 pm. Family flowers only; by request. Donations, if wished, to R.N.L.I.

MUNNOCK - On February 16th, suddenly and peacefully in a London hospital following a wonderful holiday, Henry John, D.F.C. of Clair Court, Haywards Heath, formerly of Ardingly. Very dearly loved husband of Jean, devoted father of Jane and Tissa and a much loved grandad. Service of Thanksgiving on Friday February 22nd at St Peter's Church, Ardingly at 3 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, donations if wished to The Haywards Heath Stroke Club c/o Masters & Son, 20 High Street, Lindfield, Sussex RH16 2HH.

PEARSON - On Sunday February 17th 1991, peacefully in his sleep, Sir Francis Fenwick, 1st Baronet, M.B.E., D.L., beloved husband of Katharine. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Kirkby Lonsdale, at 2 pm on Friday February 22nd. Interment at St John's, Gressingham. Family and Gressingham Village only. No flowers, donations to The Churches.

PEZZANI - On February 15th, peacefully in a nursing home, Simone.

PICKARD - On February 4th 1991, peacefully at Maryfield Hospital, North Carolina, USA, Ethel Pickard (Sister Mary Campion), aged 89. After a lifetime's work looking after others.

PIGE LESCHALLAS - On February 18th 1991, suddenly and peacefully, Ronald, very dearly loved husband of Vere and father of Anthony, Lavinia, Suzanne, James, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral private. Service of Thanksgiving at St John the Baptist, Wateringbury, on Sunday March 24th at 3 pm.

POWELL HUGHES - On February 18th, peacefully at home, The Rev. Canon Ieuan Delvin Powell Hughes M.A., aged 80 years, beloved husband of Mary and dear father of Sian and Steffan. Funeral Service to be held on Friday February 22nd at Goostrey Parish Church at 2 pm. No flowers, but donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation. Arrangements Griffiths Funeral Services, Sandbach. (0270) 765783.

SCOTT MONCRIEFF - On Sunday February 17th 1991, peacefully in her sleep at The Castle, Elie, Fife, Isabel Moubray, sister of Martha Scott Moncrieff and dear aunt of Jock, Robin and Helen. After 102 years of energetic life she will be greatly missed by all those fortunate enough to have known her. Cremation private. Memorial service in Elie Parish Church on Sunday March 3rd at 11.30 am.

TOMS - On February 17th 1991, peacefully in the Lister Hospital after a long and courageous fight, Shirley, darling daughter of Jean and beloved sister of Angela. Funeral will take place on Monday February 25th at 2 pm, at the Lambeth Crematorium, Blackshaw Road, Tooting SW17. Flowers (sprays only) to Kenyons, 74 Rochester Row, London SW1 or donations to Bristol Cancer Centre, Cornwallis Road, Bristol.

UEKERMANN - On Monday evening, February 18th 1991, peacefully in London, Gerd.

WALWYN - On Monday February 18th, very peacefully at home, Fulke Thomas Tyndall Walwyn, C.V.O., aged 80. Beloved husband of Cath and dear father of Jane. Funeral strictly private. Flowers and enquiries to W.T. Adams & Co., 16 Baydon Road, Lambourn, tel: (0488) 71492. Memorial Service to be announced later.

WILMOT-SITWELL - On February 18th, peacefully in Sarum Road Hospital, Winchester, Barbara Elizabeth (Betty), wife of the late Capt. R.B. Wilmot-Sitwell, R.N., of Little Mead, Sparsholt, near Winchester. Funeral strictly for close family. No flowers. Service of Thanksgiving on Saturday February 23rd at St Stephen's Church, Sparsholt, near Winchester, at 2.30 pm.

WINES - On February 16th Charles Herbert R.N retired of Lee-On-Solent, peacefully at home. Now with Betty, both sadly missed by Caroline, Penny, Pookie and Victoria and families. Funeral Service Monday, 25th February at St Faith's Church, Lee-On-Solent at 2.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations to the Donkey Sanctuary, Sidmouth, Devon.

WYNNE - On February 17th, peacefully in Bronllys Hospital, Powys, Donald Mollison, Major (retired), T.D., aged 72, of Crickhowell, Powys, formerly of Sydney, Australia. Beloved husband of Diana and loved father of Davydd. Private cremation. Memorial Service, 2.30 pm Friday February 22nd at St Edmund's Church Crickhowell. No flowers, but donations to The Fabric Fund, St Edmund's Church, c/o The Rector, Crickhowell.

WYNNE T.A.W. (TOM) - On February 17th peacefully at home. Dearly loved by all his family. No mourning or flowers. Donations would be appreciated to the Macmillan Cancer Care Appeal care of J. B. Hall 142 Finchampstead Road, Wokingham. Funeral service on Friday February 22nd at 2:15 pm at St. Bartholomews Church, Arborfield. Inquiries to J.B. Hall Telephone 0734 793623

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

BOSNOW - Eric Charles. In loving memory of a darling father who died on February 20th 1987, lovingly remembered by his daughter Fiona and all his family.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

HENDERSON - Aidra and Rosemary wish to thank sincerely all friends, neighbours and former colleagues who attended Jimmy's funeral at Perth Crematorium and all other persons who have expressed sympathy on their loss. Grateful thanks also to the Family Doctor and the Rev. S. Armstrong for his comforting service.

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Corporate Finance Unit Limited
(In Receivership)
Registered Number: 2453141. Nature of business: Financial Services. Trade classification: 38. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 13th February 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Swiss Bank Corporation. Neil Hunter Cooper and I Jacob. Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder nos): 005399/01 and 2121) of Robson Rhodes, 186 City Road, London EC1V 2NU

Notice of appointment
of liquidator
voluntary winding up
Pursuant to section 109
of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company number: 1251744. Name of company: Paul Gooderson Ltd. Nature of business: Structural & Civil Engineering. Type of Liquidation: Creditors' Voluntary. Address of registered office: Traviot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex. IG1 1JQ. Liquidators name and address: Richard Andrew Segal Traviot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex. IG1 1JQ. Office holder number: 002685. Date of appointment: 4th February 1991. By whom appointed: Members and Creditors.
Richard Andrew Segal.
Liquidator.
Date 4th February 1991

Notice of appointment
of Administrative Receiver
GUILDBOURNE DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED
Registered number: 1617726. Nature of business: PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 11 FEBRUARY 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: MIDLAND BANK PLC. Joint Administrative Receivers: M.D. GERCKE AND P.S PADMORE. (office holder nos): 2360 and 5600. Address: PRICE WATERHOUSE BRIDGE GATE 55-57 HIGH STREET REDHILL SURREY RH1 1RX.

HIDESIGN LEATHER LIMITED
Registered number: 2366305. Nature of business: Wholesalers and Retailers of Leather Goods. Trade classification: 15 and 22. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 11 February 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bank of Credit and Commerce International SA. Administrative Receiver: Ladislav Hornan. Office holder no: 2069. Address: Hacker Young and Partners, St. Alphage House 2 Fore Street London EC2Y 5DH

IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF M & F (REALISATIONS) LIMITED
(IN RECEIVERSHIP)
(FORMERLY MARTIN & FIELD LIMITED)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the UNSECURED CREDITORS will be held at The Grand Hotel Colmore Row Birmingham B3 2DA on Friday 22 February 1991 at 11.30 am for the purpose of receiving a report covering the background to and progress of the receivership together with other matters stipulated by Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986.

Please note that a person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if the provisions of Rule 3.11(1) Insolvency Rules 1986 have been complied with, namely that:

(a) he has given to the receiver not later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provision of Rule 3.11(2)-(7) and

(b) there has been lodged with the administrative receiver any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the meeting.

Dated this 6th day
of February 1991
PE BALDWIN FCA
Joint Administrative Receiver

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of appointment
of Administrative Receiver
FOURWAYS HANDLING SYSTEMS LTD.
Registered number: 1011990. Former company name: As above. Nature of business: HOLDING COMPANY FOR HEATING AND ENGINEERING COMPANIES. Trade classification: 2. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 31st January 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: P.S Padmore and MD Gercke F.C.A. (office holder nos): 5600 and 2360. Address: Price Waterhouse The Quay, 30 Channel Way, Ocean Village, Southampton, SO1 1XF

Notice of appointment
of Administrative Receivers
GUILDBOURNE PROPERTIES LIMITED
Registered number: 1894092. Nature of business: PROPERTY CONTRACTS. Trade classification: 25. Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 11 FEBRUARY 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: MIDLAND BANK PLC. Jopint Administrative Receivers: M.D. GERCKE AND P.S PADMORE. (office holder nos): 2360 and 5600. Address: PRICE WATERHOUSE BRIDGE GATE 55-57 HIGH STREET REDHILL SURREY RH1 1RX.

Notice of appointment
of Administrative Receiver
OLIVER WILLIAMS LIMITED
Registered number: 1823453. Nature of business: BUILDING CONTRACTORS. Trade classification: 25. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 7 February 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK PLC. Joint Administrative Receivers: GORDON CHRISTOPHER HORSFIELD AND ROGER MARSH (office holder nos): 008899 and 008925. Address: 9 BOND COURT LEEDS LS1 2SN

PIZZABILITY LIMITED
(In administrative receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of the above-named company will be held at the offices of Robson Rhodes, 186 City Road, London, on the 22nd day of February 1991 at noon, for the purpose of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a creditors' committee to exercise the functions conferred on by or under the Act.

Creditors are only entitled to vote if:-

a. they have delivered to us at the address shown above, no later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the meeting, written details of the debts they claim to be due, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and

b.there has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to use on his behalf.

Date this 7th day of
February 1991
V M Bairstow and N H Cooper
Joint Administrative Receivers

RE: RCL MISSING
SHAREHOLDERS
The Board of Directors of Roehampton Club Limited, would like to contact the following shareholders or their beneficiaries:-

Miss Winnifred Alcock, Mr Norman Henry Arnold formerly of Fulham London, Mr Harold Bertram Bingham formerly of Piccadilly London, Captain E W Bush formerly of Tunbridge Wells Kent, Mrs Emily Lucy E Caroll formerly of Kensington London, Mr Robert Dalgleish Copland, Mr Richard Wilkinson Dawes formerly of Farnborough Surrey, Mr George Leopold Dawson, Miss Marjorie Deane formerly of Farnham Surrey, Mr Ernest Dunand, Miss Sonia Wentworth Fynn, Mr Arthur Alistair Grant, Mrs Evangeline Habbling, Mr David Adamson Lawson, Mr Keith Guthrie Murray, Mr Henry Gordon Parker, Mr Bernard Stallbrass, Mrs Doris Tyrell-Beck, Mrs Fay H K Wakefield, Mr George David Watkins, Peter Lesley Wilson.

Correspondence should be addressed to the Chief Executive, Roehampton Club Limited, Roehampton Lane, London SW15 5LR (telephone: 081-876-5505).

ROBERT UTTLEY
(METAL CONSTRUCTION)
LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD on Tuesday 26th February 1991 at 12 o'clock noon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr Peter Lomas of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.

DATED THIS 12TH DAY OF
FEBRUARY 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J SIMPSON
DIRECTOR

SUPERIOR COATING
PRODUCTS LIMITED
IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY
LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that Nicholas Jenner, Chartered Accountant, of Old Cottages, Tutts Clump, Reading, Berks RG7 6LE was appointed Liquidator of the company on 8th February 1991.

LEGAL NOTICES

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
SLEEVEPRINT LIMITED
(registered number 2089337)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 11 February 1991 the Fleming Mercantile Investment Trust plc appointed Dipankar Mohan Ghosh and John Francis Soden of Price Waterhouse, 10 Bricket Road, St Albans Herts AL1 3JX joint receivers and managers.
Dated the fourteenth day
of February 1991
DM Ghosh FCA
Joint receiver and manager

PERRIES COLLECTION
LIMITED
I, Jamie Taylor FIPA of Poppleton and Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company on 31st January 1991 by the Members and Creditors.
Dated 13th February 1991
J. Taylor FIPA
Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF
C.W.C. FREIGHT GROUP
LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Shirley Angela Jackson of Begbie Norton and Partners, Cromwell House, Fulwood Place, Gray's Inn, London WC1V 6HZ was appointed Liquidator of the said Company on 6th February 1991 by the Creditors.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 15th day of MARCH 1991, to send in their full forenames and surname, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned SHIRLEY ANGELA JACKSON, F.I.P.A., BEGBIE NORTON & PARTNERS, CROMWELL HOUSE, FULWOOD PLACE, GRAY'S INN, LONDON, WC1V 6HZ, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
DATED this 7th day of
February 1991
S.A. JACKSON
Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF
ALPHA LIGHTING
SERVICES LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 7th March 1991 at 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Terance John Roper, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 7th day of
February 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
A.R JORDAN
DIRECTOR

IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF
CARECROWN LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 4th March 1991 at 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Terance John Roper, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 17th day of
January 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
E. H WERNINCK
DIRECTOR

NOTICE OF MEETING OF
CREDITORS - NEWSPAPERS
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
A.S.R.S. ESTABLISHMENT
LIMITED
20-22 CURTAIN ROAD
LONDON EC2A
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the Westminster Chamber of Commerce, 177 Regent Street, London W1X 9DF on Monday 25th February 1991 at 2.00 pm, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Buchler Phillips & Co, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF, between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on Thursday 21st February 1991 and Friday 22nd February 1991.

Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge a full statement of account and an informal proof of debt and unless attending in person a proxy at Buchler Phillips & Co, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF, no later than 12 noon on Friday 22nd February 1991. Secured creditors must, unless they surrender their security, give particulars of their security and its assessed value if they wish to vote at the Meeting.
By Order of the Board
Alok Srivastava
Company Secretary/Director
11th February 1991

LEGAL NOTICES

The Bristol and West Building Society are selling 22 Petersham Mews SW7 5NR as mortgagees in possession. An offer of £325,000 has been received and if no higher offers are forthcoming in 7 days this offer will be accepted. Quraishi Constantine 071 376 2566

THE GLASSMASTER
COMPANY LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on Friday, the 1st day of March, 1991 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.

A list of the names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 11th day of
February 1991
RICHARD W. L. SKINNER
Director

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
TITANLANCE LIMITED
(IN RECEIVERSHIP)
EUROTRACTION LIMITED
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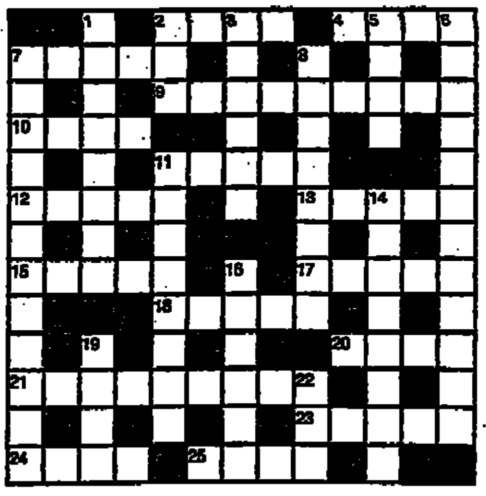

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Can war still create war poets?

War poetry reached its apogee between 1914 and 1918, when great writers — and non-professional soldiers — sent dispatches from the Front. George Hill doubts modern combatants could match them

In the suspense before the launch of the decisive ground offensive of the desert war, three young servicemen sent out an appeal to all the troops fighting in the Middle Eastern theatre. They asked them to submit work for a new anthology of war poetry. Within three months they had been sent 3,000 entries, and their initiative led eventually to an archive of 14,000 poems, a unique and moving record of the experience of war.

The desert offensive the men were waiting for was Montgomery's, at Alamein. Victor Selwyn and his two fellow-compilers of those *Oasis* anthologies in 1942 tapped a torrent of verse, mainly from individuals who published no other poetry before or after. But if the stresses faced by today's forces in the Gulf produce a similar flood, there is no comparable channel ready to collect it.

The Imperial War Museum's archives contain thousands of poems in print and manuscript from the two world wars, and the museum regularly mounts lectures about the literature of war (the next, in which Martin Taylor and David Goudge will talk about love poetry written in the trenches, will be given on February 27 at 6.30pm). But the museum is making no special plans to solicit war poetry inspired by the Gulf conflict, though it has put out a low-key general appeal for memorabilia related to the conflict. It is not the custom to send an official poet to the front line. It would be incongruous, almost impertinent, to do so. Poetry is not like that. In this century, the record has been kept most resonantly by the combatants themselves, who bear the danger, and the moral stress.

We can count on it that writers on the home front will soon be stitching into their work images from the battle watched day by day with such unprecedented immediacy. In this most bloodthirsty of centuries, war has inevitably forced itself into the work of most poets in Britain, from Kipling's scathing "The Islanders" and Eliot's "Little Gidding" to Sylvia Plath's "Daddy". The Gulf conflict has done the same.

Andrew Motion's "A Dream of Peace", printed in *The Times Literary Supplement* two weeks *before the fighting began in the* Gulf, has a claim to be the first published poem that refers to this war in particular. It draws a parallel between the tanks that are about to go clanking into action in the desert and the tanks in which the poet's father fought against the Germans in Normandy, to create an image of war as a repetitive process.

"Even while television shows us so much of what is going on, it has a paradoxical distancing effect," Mr Motion says. "It makes it more difficult to appreciate the reality of the events, because we are conditioned by what we expect to see on the screen. It tends to make a soap opera of it, as I tried to suggest in the poem — which was written *quickly* when it began to look inevitable that there would be fighting."

The poem is also about war as seen by someone who has never experienced it. "I have never put on khaki myself," Mr Motion says. "That is not to say that I don't have to bear witness in my own way. But war poetry written by non-combatants doesn't close with its subject in the same way as poetry written by those who were there."

But many of those who have studied war poetry, or written it themselves, doubt whether "those who are there" will produce a significant body of work this time. In spite of the pervasiveness of war as a theme of this century's poetry, mention of "war poetry" still suggests predominantly the work written in one war, and in one theatre — the trenches of 1914-18.

This perception is unaffected by the mass of material collected in the *Oasis* anthologies, and by the work (familiar and excellent as some of it is) of soldier poets of the second world war. Korea, Vietnam, the Falklands and Ulster have apparently produced still less. Public attitudes in the United States towards Vietnam were influenced by protest ballads, but these were home-grown, not voices from the battle front. The poems and diaries of David Tinker, who died in the Falklands aboard HMS Glamorgan, were published after his death, but what he said about the war was mainly in prose.

It could be said that since 1914, poets have had nothing to do but find new ways of saying what was said from the trenches

"Our war was a very different war from 1914," says the poet Vernon Scannell, who served in the infantry from 1940 to 1945. "They went into it in an extraordinary spirit of euphoria — not only Rupert Brooke talking about men going off to fight "as swimmers into cleanness leaping", but also people like Siegfried Sassoon, who became disillusioned when they *saw what it really meant.* My generation had no illusions of that kind to start with. It was a browned-off war from the start. We had a dour acceptance of the necessity of it."

That disillusion of 1914 became definitive. It could crudely be claimed that there was no "war poetry" before then, and that poets since then have had nothing to do but find new ways of saying what Sassoon, Wilfred Owen and Isaac Rosenberg said from the trenches.

The poets of the first world war, almost without exception, were articulate middle-class men who would have been unlikely in normal times to think of a military career. They bore witness not only to "the *pity of war*", in Owen's phrase, but to the shock of finding war to be an impersonal machine for slaughter, having little in common with the theatre of skill and gallantry depicted in the literature of generations equipped with more limited firepower.

Owen's revulsion and contempt are unsurpassed in his account of the effects of a gas attack in "Dulce et decorum est":

If you could hear, at every jolt, the blood
Come gargling from the froth-corrupted lungs,
Obscene as cancer . . .
My friend, you would not tell with such high zest
To children ardent for some desperate glory,
The old Lie: Dulce et decorum est
Pro patria mori

Realisation of this dawned slowly and painfully, especially on the home front, where there was no television to bring home images of what the conflict was really like. In a supplement of war poems issued with *The Times* in August 1915, exuberant jingoism from Henry Newbolt and William Watson stood side by side with far darker work from Thomas Hardy, Rudyard Kipling, Laurence Binyon and the Irish poet A.E., fully recognising the dogged desperation of the conflict.

The supplement carried a poem, written four months earlier, by Julian Grenfell and still imbued with a Brooke-like conviction that war was a wonderful game:

. . . Joy-in Battle takes
Him by the throat, and makes him blind

By the time the supplement appeared, he was dead.

Of all the poems in the supplement, the one that most strongly captured the public imagination was Binyon's "For the Fallen", which sets aside any talk of victory or justification, and falls back on such comfort as elegy can offer:

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn

The then Poet Laureate, Robert Bridges, contributed to the supplement an irritable little ballad, "Wake Up England", scolding the doubtful. Since Lord Tennyson, poets laureate have not been successful in striking the note of military glory, and most have been wise enough not to try. For more than a century, the duties of the job have not involved obligatory celebrations of major political events.

By the end of the war, Kipling struck a note as harsh as anything that came from the trenches:

If any question why we died,
Tell them, because our fathers lied

A poem by Keith Douglas, one of the best writers of the second world war, declares: "Rosenberg I only repeat what you were saying." The phrase expresses what had changed since 1914: the sense of shock had gone. Douglas voices with paradoxical sensitiveness the insensibility, the moral numbness, of *being a killer ("Being damned, I am* amused . . . How easy it is to make a ghost . . ."). Henry Reed, whose "Naming of Parts" may be the best known soldier's poem of the second world war, spoke like them as a civilian in uniform, but with quizzical resignation rather than damning incredulity:

Today we have naming of parts. Yesterday
We had daily cleaning. And tomorrow morning,
We shall have what to do after firing

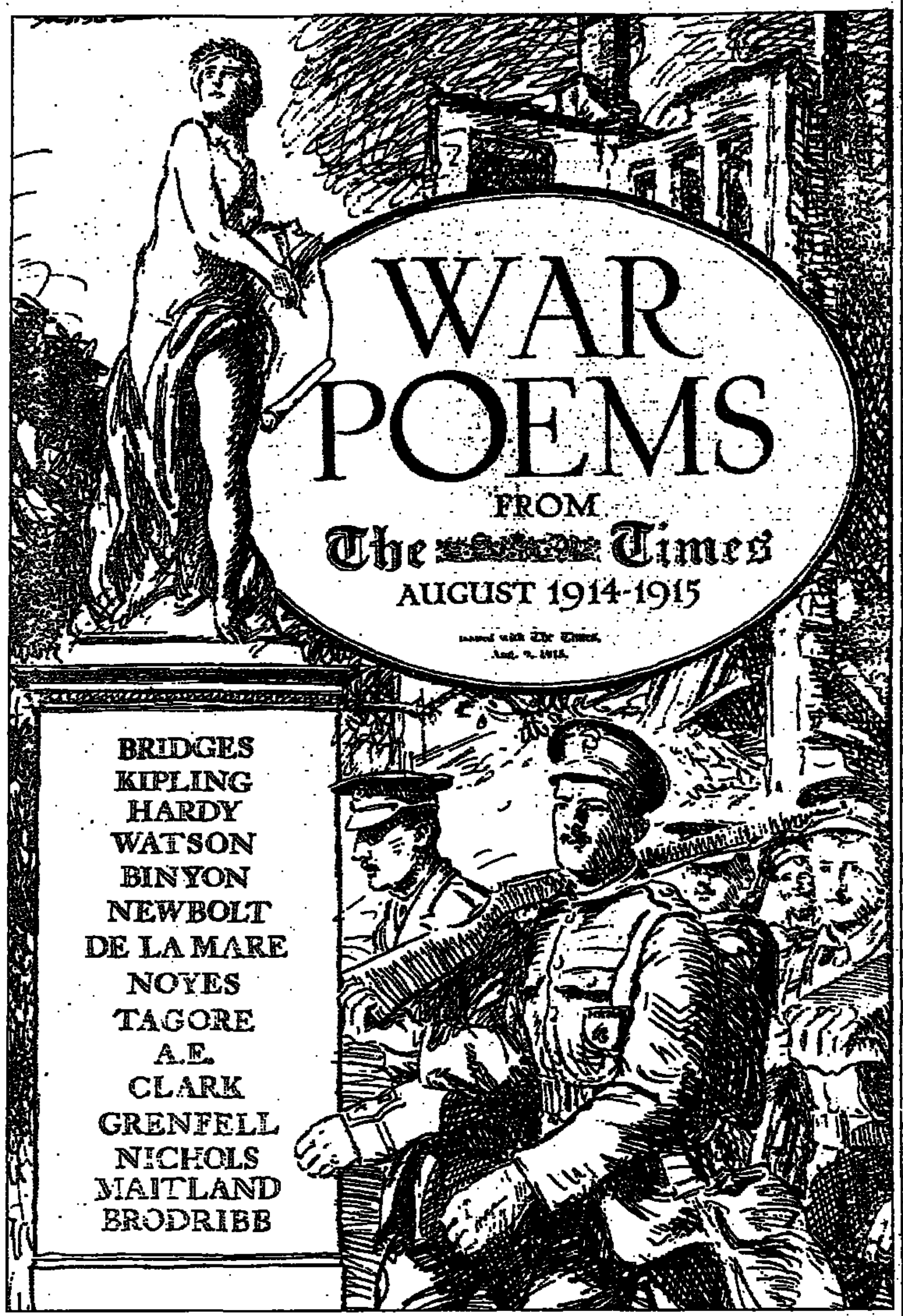
Firepower has grown far greater since 1914, and 1940. Today the enemy is scarcely seen at all, except, for the most part, as dots glimpsed by the cameras of a laser-guided missile — scant basis for face-to-face encounters like that in Wilfred Owen's "Strange Meeting". As in earlier centuries, this war has been carried out by professionals who have enlisted, and are trained to expect *horrors* and control their imaginations.

"In both the world wars, the poets were not professional soldiers," says Alan Ross, the editor of the *London Magazine*, who saw action in the arctic convoys, and wrote "Radar", a poem about the strangeness of combat with an unseen enemy. "The question whether any poetry will come out of the Gulf really depends simply on whether there are any born poets there. The idea that amateurs can knock off worthwhile verse is nonsense."

Much of the verse collected in the *Oasis* anthologies is indeed of a kind that confirms Galsworthy's wry observation that at moments of crisis people's natural mode of expression is cliché. Denis Healey, a polished sonneteer before he put on khaki in 1940, believes that literary quality is not the point about the collection. "Its value is as a record of *what these people felt* and saw, going through an experience that impelled them to write, often for the only time in their lives. Even some of the recognised poets never wrote anything comparable afterwards."

Paul Fussell, professor of English at King's College, London, who was wounded as an infantry lieutenant in 1945 and has made an extensive study of the literature of 20th century war, has predicted that little of literary value is likely to come out of the Gulf. One reason, he says, is that the troops are regulars, unlikely to have the habit or the skills for expressing themselves in verse. "A short war is unlikely to produce much poetry," he says. "It is when things go wrong that the conditions are right — when people are suffering trauma, disillusion, disappointment, as well as a sense that they are living through the most *important days of their lives.*"

If this is so, we must hope for wars as little afflicted by poetry as possible.



Front lines: this supplement issued with *The Times* in August 1915 contained jingoism and realism

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HOW strange it is to go away for a winter week and come back to find that two pillars of the national façade have quietly crumbled away. As I flew home on Sunday, the papers profiled two fallen caryatids; at one end of the colonnade there was the *Guardian* apparently deciding that it could do without the prototype *Guardian* Woman Jill Tweedie. At the other, the BBC removed Margaret Howard from *Pick of the Week*. Who next? Robert Robinson? Claire Rayner? Bernard Levin? Perish the thought.

Both this week's public casualties being women, there was some airing of the feminist conspiracy theory: that sinister patriarchs in grey suits take advantage of us girls before casting us aside like old gloves. But this analysis does not quite work: if you run through any list of abruptly sacked or edged-out household names in any medium, men are lavishly represented. Ask Clive Jacobs, whose deep, immemorial tones faded from Radio 4's *Sunday* and *Going Places* more or less simultaneously last year; or indeed David Jacobs (no relation), who so suddenly handed over *Any Questions?* to John Timpson. Talk to Brian Matthew of *Round Midnight*, or Barry Took of *Points of View* whose holiday relief, Anne Robinson, appears to be still there some years later. Come to that, ask Kenneth Robinson (still no relation) about his extraordinary outburst of fury on his final *Start The Week*.

Or consider the host of print journalists over the years who have found their carefully crafted columns suddenly cut short, deprived of the byline photograph, poured unbecomingly around the more shaming sort of advertisements and finally dropped because of "pressure of space".

All writers and broadcasters have a sell-by date

You have to know this; that male or female, youngish or old, there will come a moment when your song no longer charms and your face no longer fits. A broadcaster or an opinionated journalist becomes — whether he likes it or not — a persona, if not a "personality". And personalities, philosophies and styles all carry a hidden sell-by date. There is no point repining: editors are not museum curators, and sometimes need to throw people out merely in order to create an interesting vacuum. The end of Jill Tweedie in the *Guardian* does not necessarily prove — as some commentators tried to make it prove — that we are at the end of a feminist era. It just means that someone had a hunch that their public had had enough of Jill Tweedie. For the present.

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Nor is Margaret Howard's removal a symptom of anything sinister, and Ms Howard — a loyal and fair-minded woman — knows this. Those of us who heard her news privately at BBC Christmas parties admire the way she kept it to herself, refusing to exploit the press bandwagon of criticism about the changes to *Woman's Hour*. She could have made a cheap stink, but gamely she did not and one hopes the network is grateful. After all, being sacked is often the best break of your life.

The knack, I suppose, is to be able to read your own sell-by date before your employers do. Then you can pay off the mortgage and take up a sideline. That way, when you face the horribly public sack which is the fate of most broadcasters (as it is of politicians) it is possible to feign massive indifference.

It is fascinating to guess which currently unassailable household names are secretly preparing for their demise, and which live in a fool's paradise and talk about "my show" as they talk about "my shoes". Certainly it would be unkind to reveal which presenters are so hag-ridden by doubt that they are afraid to go on holiday, and which have resigned prematurely rather than face a possible public downfall.

I speak from the heart. After 15 years on Radio 4 and seven in my present berth on *Midweek*, I love both dearly but — without resentment — rate my job security as nil. As each contract's-end approaches, I am unfooled by the kindly remarks, smiling faces and brotherly hugs of the radio management. They and I both know perfectly well that one day they will wake up and think "Ugh — she's been around for ages. Hey, what was that Welsh Buddhist woman called, the one with the green crew-cut on Channel 4? Who's her agent?"

Sometimes, apparently, you get taken out to a Sacking Lunch. I plan to order champagne and sing bawdy songs. It is the only way to go.

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THEATRE

Revisiting the winter of discontent

In Bucharest, **Anne McElvoy** reports on the National Theatre's reception by audiences that see modern parallels in Shakespeare

Take tales of bloody tyranny and senile obstinacy to a Romanian theatre audience and you cannot fail to capture a national imagination still haunted by the spectre of Nicolae Ceaucescu's rule. If you happen to be the National Theatre from London, decamping from the sludge of the South Bank to ice-bound Bucharest, the reception is warm enough to thaw the most chilled of spirits.

The NT reached the middle of its Eastern European tour this week — Prague and Bucharest behind it, Leipzig and Dresden to come — with Ian McKellen as Richard III and Brian Cox as King Lear vying to outdo one another for rapturous receptions. "I can always tell whether an audience is really listening to the language or just coasting," says Cox. "Here in Bucharest they were drinking in every word and every cadence. I think they liked the Scottish invective [Cox plays the part in a strong brogue] as well."

The National's director, Richard Eyre, is drawn to describe Shakespeare as "the great Romanian playwright", so fond are audiences here of his work. "Shakespeare speaks to the Romanian soul: sensitive, conquered, striving," he says.

Richard III, with its echoes of the country's recent past, drew bursts of applause throughout a performance — a tradition which died out in British theatre under Olivier. The audience was clearly charting Richard's descent into evil with the eye of memory fixed on their destroyed dictator. When the flag was torn down in the final scene, its centre cut out and thrown over the new king, the theatre was briefly transformed into a political rally with cheers and calls of "liberty!".

"Romanians love Shakespeare because he was with us throughout the worst of times," says Andreea Vulpe, a young stage director. "He was allowed because he counted as classical, and Ceaucescu saw himself as the sort of great leader Shakespeare would have written about." Her neighbour agreed: "'England hath been mad and scarred itself'; here we know what it is to dismember ourselves, to give in to tyranny."

For Eyre, who has been visiting Romania for 20 years, bringing the NT is a cherished dream. "I used to joke with Ion Caramitru [a leading actor] that we would exchange gifts — one of his productions for one of mine. At the time it was simply impossible, then suddenly the revolution happened, Caramitru was vice-president and there was nothing stopping us."

The monstrous presence of the former dictator which dominated the country's post-war past also stalks its present. Over a year after his execution, the nation is still celebrating his death — yet Shakespeare might have observed that the times are not yet set aright. The new Romania veers between panic, venality and despair at the discovery that the most bloody of the Eastern European revolutions may yet prove the least effective. "When the order is disturbed in Shakespeare, it is always restored at the end," says Ion Dimitru, a liberal politician. "Here, with the new regime, the crown is still crooked. We have another chapter, perhaps another tragedy, ahead."

> *'Shakespeare was allowed because he counted as classical, and Ceaucescu saw himself as the sort of great leader Shakespeare would have written about'*

In the mock-classical theatre, Ceaucescu's cavernous private box — complete with baroque antechamber and private lift — remains as a monument to his unbounded gigantism. To the glee of the Romanians, the after-show party was held in his son Nicu's luxuriously tasteless apartment, now handed over to the theatre union.

Brian Cox in the National Theatre's *King Lear*: "In Bucharest they were drinking in every word and cadence"

Better than any other recent occupier of the role, McKellen conveys the mean, thin misery of a dictator who is driven but never fulfilled by his ambition, as he leads himself into isolation and his country into chaos. When he reached the lines, "There is no creature loves me/And if I die no soul will pity me", the mind flashed back to the last days of Ceaucescu, waving unsteadily from a balcony at his mutinous subjects: pale, hunted, ordering bloodshed until the very end, to feed his dying power.

Eyre describes *Richard III*, which he also directed, as "the most Romanian play" because it deals not only with a dictator but dictatorship's depleting effects on the spirit. "When Richard says 'the rest that love me rise and follow me' they shrug their shoulders and go along with him. That is true tyranny: the ability to make people feel that they have no choice."

He defends his decision to set the play in a 20th-century state against attacks that it is incongruous to put Richard into jackboots. "This century has celebrated dictators more readily than any other. To play *Richard* to a modern audience without referring to this century would be evasive. I was also fascinated by the 'what if?' factor — making the audience consider whether it would follow or resist."

The NT's tour has had its unglamorous side. McKellen admits that romantic images of the wandering actor paled when he found himself in six inches of Bucharest snow, or with no plug in the bathroom. The NT has already been re-routed once to Sofia when the weather barred its landing in Bucharest. The lugubrious Ambassador Hotel offered hot water and telephone calls (but only sometimes and mainly in the middle of the night) and a shortage of food. The leading actors were deemed VIPs — which presumably meant that they had a light-bulb in their rooms. One sound technician had to spend the night in the theatre to stop his equipment being stolen.

Four Eastern European dates will cost £200,000, footed in the main by the British Council which, since the collapse of the RSC's touring, now sees the National as Britain's most prestigious cultural export. The rest of the cost is carried by the Japanese Nomura Bank, anxious to set its footprint on the economic wastes of Romania. "Please," asked one Romanian student at a workshop, "what is the link between a bank and a theatre?"

Romanian theatre will have to learn this, and other lessons, quickly to survive. Caramitru, who brought his *Hamlet* to London last year, admits that the revolution has blunted the edge of his country's theatre. "The real drama is being played out on the streets."

Before the revolution the stage was a forum for exploring autocracy and repression. Allegories of Ceaucescu's rule were devised to float like shadows across productions. "They were the greatest challenge: they had to be there and not there at the same time," says Caramitru. "We called them lizards, because they flitted across the stage and were gone before the censor could catch them." But robbed of this aura of illegality, the theatre is fast losing its audiences. And culture is the first sacrifice in family budgets as prices rise.

Audiences are, however, prepared to make an exception for English theatre. The standard of spoken English is astonishing in a country which sought for so long to isolate itself from foreign influence. The result was a stubborn desire to learn and speak English. When Eyre took the stage at the end of the final performance, to wish Romania peace, his interpreter was booed. "They wanted to hear English and only English tonight," she said.

In Prague the company was received by President Havel, who was so moved by the performance of *King Lear* that he used it as the basis of his weekly address to the nation. While more pedantic British critics have complained at the anachronistic cutting up of the kingdom with a pair of scissors in Deborah Warner's production, Havel had no such qualms. "We understand that," he told Cox. "That is our history in a single gesture."

TELEVISION REVIEW

Piqued by these peaks of tackiness

RATHER late in my addiction to **Twin Peaks** (BBC 2), it occurred to me to make a cheerful little badge to wear, to attract like-minded couch potatoes in the street. I thought it might read: "I'm Peaky, are you?" After last night's episode, however, I have had second thoughts. Peaky is definitely the word.

Watching the risen-again Satanic Bob levelling thudding blows at the helpless Madeleine, and driving her face smack into the living-room wall, was a shocking reminder that *Twin Peaks* is — despite so many gloriously inventive incidentals — depressingly reactionary when it comes to the matter of sexual violence. In fact, the only woman in *Twin Peaks* not living permanently under some sort of sexual threat is the Log Lady, who wisely restricts her social circle to inanimate objects.

Finding out that it was Leland who killed Laura Palmer was a blessed relief for those of us who were tipped off weeks ago; but it was really no more of a narrative surprise than that the mysteriously husky Japanese man in the loose suit was really Catherine Martell dressed up, or that the wheelchair-bound Leo Johnson is not as dumb as he looks. What certainly was a surprise was the tackiness of this week's special effects, especially in the climactic scenes when Leland was repeatedly transmogrified into Rumpelstiltskin, before Madeleine's very eyes. I had hoped for better, I confess. Even the appearance of Agent Cooper's favourite Giant (tipping off Prince Charming about the damsel in distress) made a lesser impact than before. I liked the white horse, though — the one that Sarah Palmer saw in a vision. At least it gave a practical explanation for why the Palmers' living-room always looks as if it has been cleared for a barn-dance.

Last night's **Omnibus**, "Inside The Russia House" (BBC 1), fell somewhere between being a promo arts-feature and a serious piece on Hollywood's perception of real-life Russia. It alternated location footage of Fred Schepisi's Moscow-shoot for John Le Carré's *The Russia House* with interview material, much of it with Russian critics. All of this talking-head stuff would have been greatly enhanced if the programme had also filled us in on the actual plot — which, for some unguessable reason, it seemed reluctant to do. I now know what *The Russia House* is about "ultimately" — which is no good without knowing what *actually* happens.

LYNNE TRUSS

BRIEFING

Symptomatic return?

PETER O'Toole's return to the London stage, recreating the title role in *Jeffrey Bernard is Unwell*, has been fixed for March 20 at the Shaftesbury. O'Toole has been on location for four different films in the past year, but clearly relished the chance to return to a portrayal which Irving Wardle in *The Times* described as "his best for 20 years": creating a character who "sees his life by the light of his own burning bridges".

Supportive dress

NORTHERN Ballet Theatre has devised an ingenious new form of sponsorship, which made its debut with Christopher Gable's new production of *Romeo and Juliet*. Wellwishers were invited to pay for a costume, at costs ranging from £2,000 for Lady Capulet's imposing gown down to £300 to dress a peasant or a herald. Support from local firms, theatre groups and members of the public has so far sliced 7.5 per cent off the £72,000 budget.

Last chance . . .

WHEN it opened in September, Stephen Sondheim's *Into the Woods* got better reviews from the London critics than any of his previous musicals, and looked set for a long run. Yet while *Cats* and *Phantom of the Opera* twang unstoppably on, *Into the Woods* ends its run at the Phoenix Theatre (071-867 1044) on Saturday, having failed to disprove the street wisdom that its composer's appeal does not extend far beyond the cognoscenti. That is a pity, because even a sententious ending cannot hide the imaginative pull of Sondheim's recycled fairytales or the inventiveness of his lyrics and music.

Half-tones and semitones: Francesco Bartolozzi's frontispiece for Handel's songs, and a 1930s Decca record bag

Sound designs sing out loud

Artwork and bric-à-brac from Cruikshank to Pavarotti: **Clive Davis** reviews a new exhibition of music graphics on show at the V & A

Boy George at the Victoria and Albert Museum? Punk rock in South Kensington? The mere thought is surely enough to raise the blood pressure of the more traditional sort of museum-goer. Fortunately, the organisers of the V & A's new exhibition, *The Art of Selling Songs*, can put forward an impeccable defence. Queen Victoria, they say, would have been amused.

The good queen was, it seems, a devotee of illustrated song sheets, and encouraged her children to create their own designs. She presumably would have been familiar with some of the items in the exhibition: the Jenny Lind memorabilia, perhaps. Yet it is unlikely that she ever came across anything quite as strident as the poster for last year's "Power Concert" by the London Chamber Orchestra, which screamed "Classical Music Bloody Loud!"

Sub-titled "Graphics for the Music Business, 1690-1990", the V & A show brings together distinguished artwork and a plethora of bric-à-brac, from designs by George Cruikshank to Pavarotti album covers, Bananarama posters and the crudest of punk handbills. Visitors will be serenaded by background music which ranges from early wax-cylinder recordings to Sinatra and the latest in pop "sampling". The exhibits themselves are grouped into three categories: song sheets and music books, promotional material for concerts, and the development of recorded sound. Videos are omitted because they are deemed not to convey information.

According to the exhibition curator, Kevin Edge, most of the objects, including the psychedelic Sixties rock posters, came from the museum's own archives: a little-known sideshow among the V & A's multifarious activities. Edge works hard to keep it up to date. When it comes to buying from record shops, he chooses works according to a simple criterion: "I leave the shop for a while, and if I still remember the sleeve design when I go back, I buy it."

Nobody would dispute the merits of Cruikshank's work, and there are plenty of arguments for collecting today's ephemera. But there is, too, the obvious danger of taking pop too seriously. The 140-page book which accompanies the exhibition certainly falls into that trap. Eager to breathe significance into the subject, the text often lapses into self-parody. Take this scholarly definition of dancing: "the fundamental connection between the pleasures of sound and their social realisation in the libidinal movement of bodies, styles and sensual forms . . . the moment where romanticism brushes against reality."

The rhetoric gets worse. What should we make of the claim that the former Roxy Music star, Brian Eno, belongs alongside Pythagoras, Plato, St Augustine and Boethius in the "exploration of the possible theoretical, spiritual, formal and actual (synaesthetic) relationship of hearing and seeing"? With its references to the "political economy of music" and the "commodification of song", the book is also a reminder that academe, like Albania, is one of the last bastions of pseudo-Marxist jargon.

Edge is unapologetic about the political tone: profits, he points out, are the ultimate driving force in the music industry. He also defends the V & A's right to venture into the field of pop consumerism. "We're not trying to be trendy or controversial. The V & A is about high design. But who decides what that is? Some of the work is included because it represents a technical innovation, but we need the typical as well as the best."

Edge is always on the look-out for further technological advances. The advent of computer-designed graphics is opening up new avenues, he says, though some designers have yet to come to terms with the reduced dimensions of the compact disc, let alone of the miniscule DAT tapes.

Cynics might think that, at the popular end of the market, visual ingenuity overtook musical skill many moons ago. But as Edge reminds us, music comes in three basic forms: good, bad and pop.

● *The* Art of Selling Songs: "Graphics for the Music Business, 1690-1990" *opens today at the Victoria and Albert Museum, Brompton Road, London SW7 (071-938 8349), until June 23.*

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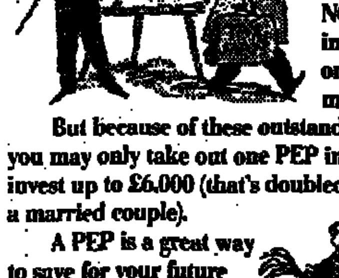

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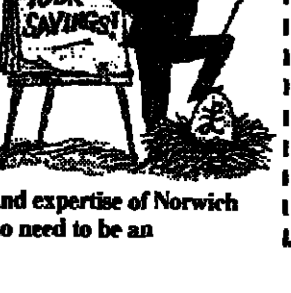
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Aerial antics play with fire

THEATRE

Fabulous Beasts
Riverside Studios

THE abiding marvel of a troupe of acrobats is not so much their ability to perform tricks the rest of us prefer not to attempt, for even your sedentary scribe can just about picture himself hanging upside-down from a trapeze clenching the rung with his knees. No, what blasts the mind is their success at antics that no human being, as generally defined, should be capable of managing at all.

Here, for example, is Gavin Marshall, tall, sleek-haired, like some Apache dancer in an early René Clair film, only saved from plummeting head first to the ground 15 feet below by the strength of his ankles hooked round the rope at the corners of his rung. Now from a neighbouring trapeze the blonde top-knotted Jo Robley Dixon slithers down across him, grips his rib cage between her legs and dangles below him. Whereupon Lindsey Butcher comes wriggling down to do likewise further below. And all this body-weight hangs from Marshall's ankles. Is it a monkey? Is it a bat? No, it's Ra-Ra Zoo.

The company was formed in 1985 by Sue Broadway, who clambers around on ropes a bit but leaves most of the aerial stuff to the above-named threesome. Her speciality in this new show is juggling, with clubs, fur-brimmed bowler hats, peacock feathers, bottles or umbrella, and as the climax to her turn with Debbie Woolley she catches a bottle on the point of the brolly. The necessary coordination of eye and hand is marvellous.

In the customary modern manner (the Flying Karamazov Brothers), the show is sprinkled with comedy, but those who loathe circus clowns will be relieved to learn that the humour is mischievous, even ironic, and visually witty. In the "Beasts" section of the second half, a centaur is surprised by a two-headed swan, an amazing bird, danced by somebody unidentifiable with shoes on hands and feet.

The evening ends with fire-dancing, at first accompanied by Russian chanting, then by two girls in the background stage-whispering (most unexpected and clever). But finally the only sound is the roar of the torches whirling around each other like the endlessly circling yin and yang. The effect is magnificently primeval, like watching magic men play with elemental powers, deep in a Stone Age cave.

JEREMY KINGSTON

MARILYN KINGWILL

Gavin Marshall, Lindsey Butcher and, below, Jo Robley Dixon

THEATRE

Waterland
Shaw

THE Fens are a peculiar place. In a land which is not really land, in a landscape so unrelievedly, unnaturally flat, among stagnant waterways giving off fishy odours, it has become a cliché to expect dark doings, minds gone sour.

Richard Hogger's theatrically compelling adaptation of Graham Swift's novel delivers its due load of madness, murder and incest. However, what is most exciting is the way it leads not into a cul-de-sac of English eccentricity and introversion, but outwards, into a celebration of the universality of story-telling. The very un-English name which comes to mind is Gabriel García Márquez: on one level concerned with the reclamation of land, Swift's novel is also about the discovery of a country through an endless thread of stories.

Tom Crick is a London history teacher in his fifties investigating his own Fenland past while worrying about the end of history, in two senses: the subject is going to be axed from the curriculum, and two-thirds of his class dream of nuclear war. Hettie MacDonald's atmospheric, well-worked production allows instant access between present and past on Jane Green's spare set of a raised, water-filled dyke, while Alan Turner's cello fills in the local colour with sobs, whines and throbs. Mark Bannister's Tom seems happier as teacher-cum-narrator than as his younger self. But the five-strong Eastern Angles Theatre Company summon up other characters from his past with infectious gusto. Neil Caple is outstanding as Tom's "potato-head" brother Dick, using semi-articulate cries and half-formed expressions to project a vast bewilderment about his own emotions. Paula Stockbridge gives a splendidly sexy performance as Mary, the convent girl hungry for experience, who engages Dick's love before marrying Tom.

There are also vivid cameos from Carlene Reed as a great aunt in black muslin knocked senseless (for ever) by an irate husband and reduced to 50 years of sniffing (a Faulkner figure, this) and Neil Caple, again, as a grandfather standing for parliament who, heckled at a public meeting, predicts a great war, to sudden silence in the audience. The wider sense of history present in the novel is inevitably reduced to a personal scope, but then history, the relation of human experience, is something we all make.

HARRY EYRES

CONCERT

LS/Knussen
Festival Hall/Radio 3

THIS final concert in the South Bank's Elliott Carter celebration began with young Simon Holt's first orchestral work, *Syrensong*, including a bounding performance, by John Wallace, of the trumpet solo which the piece eventually awakens. After that, though, it was time for composers whose youthfulness is an illusion created by curiosity maintained into old age: Stravinsky and Carter himself, each of them represented by a work from his ninth decade.

The Stravinsky was his set of Variations, given two performances, of which the second was distinctly crisper, though the first had revealed how much this piece is a conspectus of Stravinskian moments, a personal scrapbook of near-quotations and allusions. Carter's recent music, too, has seemed in some degree retrospective, and his new Violin Concerto, of which this was the first British performance, has some of the lightness of the Oboe Concerto that preceded it: there is a similar passage where the soloist touches close to a folk-dance or nursery rhyme and then dashes on.

In other ways the concerto is not so much retrospective as regressive. Its 25-minute duration is divided into three roughly equal movements which, despite the neat links through little suggestions of tuning up, follow a standard pattern of allegro, slow movement and scherzo-finale. Moreover, the opening movement is, in best traditional fashion, a combative dialogue, with the long lines of the solo part buffeted into shape by the much more discontinuous accompaniment. Where in the Oboe Concerto Carter had emphasised the matching of colours, here there is blatant opposition, with the violin countered by the most dissimilar timbres, those of low-register bassoons and horns. Altogether the movement is not so far from the strenuous post-Schoenberg manners of such other Americans as Roger Sessions and Leon Kirchner.

The middle movement, though, is suddenly much more individual, if not particularly Carterian, since sustained slow music figures rather rarely in his output. Short phrases and long single-note crescendos from the soloist are heard over a slow-breathing orchestral swell: Carter himself has suggested the image of a lone swimmer out at sea. Then the finale is at last individual and characteristic, with an intense liveliness to the writing, and with the soloist and high woodwind caught in playful runs like those of the sandpiper-oboe in *A Mirror on Which to Dwell*.

Ole Bøhn, for whom the work was written, gave what was his fifteenth performance of it within the last year. The experience showed in a performance of generous lyricism, piquant attack and supreme confidence in such challenges as the beautiful multiple stops towards the end of the first movement or the brilliant close of the piece. Oliver Knussen conducted an enlarged London Sinfonietta.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

ROCK

Julee Cruise
London Palladium

SCANT attention was paid to Julee Cruise's debut album, *Floating into the Night*, at the time of its release in 1989. But it was that collection of vaguely nightmarish New Age themes, written by director David Lynch and composer Angelo Badalamenti, which inspired the creation of the television series *Twin Peaks*, and eventually formed the backbone of its award-winning soundtrack.

Cruise, from Creston, Iowa, had converted a classically trained musical background into an acting-cum-singing career. Evidently a malleable performer, her last job had been playing the part of the gravel-voiced Janis Joplin in an off-Broadway play, before Lynch persuaded her to adopt the featherlight soprano whisper which has become the trademark of his scores.

Two questions thus attached to Cruise's British concert debut. Is she her own woman or merely acting out one of Lynch's more enduring fantasies? And does her music possess a life beyond its admittedly impressive incidental qualities?

The stage was set with an air of stark formality, with music stands placed next to three keyboards covered by black drapes. Cruise wore a Fifties-style black cocktail frock, her red lips and heavily mascaraed eyes framed by the familiar blonde bouffant, while her five backing musicians were soberly dressed in dark suits.

The sound of the instruments, particularly Jim McCarthy's delicately plucked guitar, was as clear and precise as cut crystal. It was also very quiet in order to accommodate the ethereal sigh which Cruise passed off as a singing voice. This highly stylised delivery, which necessitated the sticking of a hand to her ear for most of the performance, worked up to a point, and the opening sequence of "Floating", "The Nightingale" and "Into the Night" created a mood of eerie, brooding mystery.

Gradually, however, the spell weakened as the lack of variety dampened what minimal sparks of passion Cruise was able to generate while maintaining her implacable Ice Queen demeanour. Notwithstanding the band's tentative steps in a jazz-noir direction and one or two nods towards Sixties party kitsch (Bobbie Vinton's "Blue Velvet" and a snatch of Dobie Gray's "The In Crowd"), it was a static, cold and essentially one-dimensional performance that tended towards monotony by the end.

The tension sagged palpably during "The World Spins" and attention was roaming freely by the time they got to "I Remember" and "The Swan". Things were clearly not as they seemed, and taped backing vocals and other sound effects contributed to a dislocated ambience. They even cheated by reproducing the ghostly twanging guitar sound of "Falling" on a keyboard, confirming an impression that this was more a music of illusion than of genuine substance.

DAVID SINCLAIR

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

◆ THE ADVENTURES OF FORD FAIRLANE (18): Infantile-scool thriller set in LA's music industry: a calamitous vehicle for a rude stand-up comic, Andrew Dice Clay. Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

COLD DOG SOUP (15): Unfunny crazy comedy about an all-night quest to get rid of a dead dog. Randy Quaid, Frank Whaley, Christine Harnos, director, Alan Metter. Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

I HIRED A CONTRACT KILLER (15): Aki Kaurismäki's absurdist English comedy about a lonely civil servant (Jean-Pierre Léaud) bent on suicide. Initially droll, but disappointing. Electric (071-792 2020) Camden Plaza (071-485 2443).

◆ MEN AT WORK (12): Idiotic low-brow comedy from writer-star-director Emilio Estevez, teamed with brother Charlie Sheen as anarchic garbage collectors. Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

MILLER'S CROSSING (18): Prohibition gang warfare from the brothers Coen: brooding, labyrinthine, over-laden with words and smart artifice. Gabriel Byrne, Albert Finney. Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Gate (071-727 4043).

TO SLEEP WITH ANGER (12): Charles Burnett's magical tale of a surprise visitor (Danny Glover) bringing superstition and evil into a troubled Los Angeles family. Metro (071-437 0757)

CURRENT

◆ ARACHNOPHOBIA (PG): Deadly spiders rampage through a cosy Californian community. Enjoyable thriller filled with humour and suspense tricks. Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

CYRANO DE BERGERAC (U): Oscar nominee Gérard Depardieu masterful as the lovelorn, long-nosed Cyrano; director Jean-Paul Rappeneau transforms Rostand's play into magnificent, swashbuckling cinema. Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Lumière (071-836 0691) Renoir (071-837 8402)

DANCES WITH WOLVES (12): Kevin Costner as the Civil War lieutenant sucked into the Sioux's way of life. Over-reverent, though Costner mounts his directorial debut with aplomb. Nominated for 12 Oscars. Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

DECEMBER BRIDE (PG): Irish tale of a strong-willed servant girl, bogged down by dour atmosphere, but enlivened by Saskia Reeves. Director, Thaddeus O'Sullivan. Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661).

DUCKTALES: THE MOVIE — TREASURE OF THE LOST LAMP (U): Disney cartoon feature with Scrooge McDuck: crammed with gags, but lacking a vital spark. Director, Bob Hathcock. Cannons: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631) Odeon Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ THE GRIFTERS (18): Stephen Frears' disjointed version of Jim Thompson's con-artist thriller. John Cusack, Anjelica Huston, Annette Bening, stranded in a glossy limbo. Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

◆ KINDERGARTEN COP (12): Uptight cop (Arnold Schwarzenegger) becomes kindergarten teacher. Bland, cute comedy, awkwardly mixed with violent shoot-outs. Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

METROPOLITAN (15): Whit Stillman's wickedly ironic comedy of manners set among New York's debutantes and preppies. Witty dialogue, elegant direction. With Edward Clements, Carolyn Farina. Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Minema (071-235 4225).

◆ MIRACLE MILE (15): Two shy lovers find their romance interrupted by an impending nuclear attack. Bright, stylish drama from promising director Steve De Jarnatt: Anthony Edwards, Mare Winningham. Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148)

THE NASTY GIRL (PG): Provocative, funny assault on Germany's Nazi past, with Lena Stolze as the girl uncovering her home town's shady history. Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Metro (071-437 0757) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772)

POSTCARDS FROM THE EDGE (15): Caustic Tinseltown comedy, with a few tears, from Carrie Fisher's novel. Meryl Streep as the drug-abused actress, Shirley MacLaine as her mother. Director, Mike Nichols. Barbican (071-638 8891) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ REVERSAL OF FORTUNE (15): Oscar nominee Jeremy Irons as the inscrutable Claus von Bulow, tried for the attempted murder of his wife. Brilliant unravelling of a recent enigma; director, Barbet Schroeder. Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905)

THE SHELTERING SKY (18): A chilling novel (by Paul Bowles) filmed with a warming visual sweep by Bernardo Bertolucci. With John Malkovich and Debra Winger. Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

SHORT TIME (12): Dabney Coleman as a cop who believes he has a fatal illness. Ignore the sentiment and savour the black comedy. Director, Gregg Champion. Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697)

◆ THREE MEN AND A LITTLE LADY (PG): Horrendous sequel to *Three Men and a Baby*, piled high with archaic comedy wheezes. Director, Emile Ardolino. Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THE UNBELIEVABLE TRUTH (15): Engaging, deadpan comedy of small-town manners from tyro director Hal Hartley. Robert Burke, Adrienne Shelly. Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
☒ Some seats available
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☐ ANNA ON ANNA: Ilona Linthwaite's affectionate portrait of Anna Wickham, prolific poetess on the Bloomsbury fringe, wryly witty, artfully staged. Offstage Downstairs, 37 Chalk Farm Road, NW1 (071-267 9649). Underground: Chalk Farm. Tues-Sun, 8pm. Running time: 1hr 35mins. Closes March 3.

☒ BETRAYAL: Pinter's backwards look at an adultery: gripping content, but awestruck production. Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404) Underground: Highbury & Islington. Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Running time: 1hr 30mins. Closes March 2.

☐ THE CORN IS GREEN: Patricia Routledge in revival of Emlyn Williams's first-staged success, now past its sell-by date. Greenwich, Croom's Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755) British Rail: Greenwich. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 40mins. Closes March 16.

☐ DECEPTIONS: Anna Carteret and Jamie Glover in revenge drama concerning a psychiatrist and her young client. Fairly thin stuff. King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916) Underground: Highbury & Islington. Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3.30pm. Running time: 2hrs.

☐ FALLEN ANGEL: The troubled reminiscences of Franz Fuhmann's communist academic and ex-Hitler youth, affecting performance by Boyd Clack. Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388) Underground: Shepherds Bush. Mon-Sat, 8pm. Running time: 1hr 5mins. Last week.

■ FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE: Marvellous jazzy revue packed with Louis Jordan numbers. An evening of joy. Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 3686) Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm. Running time: 1hr 45mins.

☐ A FREE COUNTRY: Jews hiding in a farmhouse in Vichy France: disappointingly low-key drama. Tricycle, Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000) Underground: Kilburn. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 45mins. Closes February 27.

☐ THE HOMECOMING: Warren Mitchell and others seducing and seduced by Cherie Lunghi in Peter Hall's Pinter revival. Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045) Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

☒ INTO THE WOODS: Sondheim's witty mix of fairytales, grimmer than Grimm in the first half, turns sloshy thereafter. Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-240 9661). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 50mins. Last week.

☐ I THOUGHT I HEARD A RUSTLING: Meandering but chirpy Alan Plater comedy about a threatened branch library. Theatre Royal Stratford East, Gerry Raffles Square, E15 (081-534 0310). Underground/BR: Stratford. Mon-Sat, 8pm. Running time: 2hrs. Closes March 2.

☐ THE KING AND I: Susan Hampshire and Koshiro Matsumoto IX in old fashioned show, packed with a wealth of hit songs. Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916) Underground: Angel. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 50mins. Closes March 30

☐ THE MERCHANT OF VENICE/VOLPONE: Two trickey English Shakespeare Company productions, *The Merchant* set in Mussolini's Italy, somewhat redeemed by John Woodvine's foxy Volpone and his powerful Shylock. Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311) Underground: Hammersmith. *The Merchant*: Sat, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm; *Volpone*: Tomorrow, Fri, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Closes March 2

☐ OUT OF ORDER: Donald Sinden puffs, Michael Williams panics, in latest Ray Cooney farce: over-plotted, under-developed. Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399) Underground: Holborn. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

☐ THE REHEARSAL: Ian McDiarmid's stylish production (costumes by Jasper Conran) of Anouilh's seduction play. Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-379 6107). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins.

☐ THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW: Raucous and wild, bold and bizarre; sometimes deafening, sometimes inaudible rock musical. Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118) Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 7pm and 9.15pm. Running time: 1hr 30mins

☒ THE SHAPE OF THE TABLE: David Edgar's crisply argued, almost elegiac view of a Communist state collapsing into democracy. National (Cottesloe), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252). Underground: Waterloo. Tonight, 7.30pm, mat today, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins

☒ THREE SISTERS: Three Redgraves in admirable if over-busy production. Vanessa and Lynn outstanding as the older women. Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-734 1166) Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 3hrs. Closes March 2.

☐ WHAT THE BUTLER SAW: Incest, assault and bisexual junketing preserved in the aspic of Joe Orton's wit. Not quite a top-class production but worth seeing. Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116) Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 6pm and 8.40pm. Running time: 2hrs.

■ THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS: Alan Bennett's enchanting new version, with jolly sets popping up on the revolve, with Griff Rhys Jones, Richard Briers and all. National (Olivier) (as above). Tonight, 7.15pm, mat today, 2pm. Running time: 2hrs 45mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ Absurd Person Singular: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ■ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) ... ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) ... ☒ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ■ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) ... ☐ Hidden Laughter: Vaudeville (071-836 9987) ... ☒ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) ... ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) ... ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) ... ☒ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) ... ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) ... ☐ Shirley Valentine: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) ... ☐ A Slice of Saturday Night: Arts (071-836 2132) ... ☒ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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TODAY'S EVENTS

SILLY COW: Ben Elton's *Gasping*, which finished in the West End last Saturday, is almost instantly replaced by this new play which he calls "a revenge comedy", about a journalist (Dawn French) fending off her enemies from her penthouse flat. Previews begin tonight until next Tuesday. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, London (071-930 8800), 8pm.

TIPPETT/SCHUBERT: Sir Michael Tippett's Triple Concerto, written in 1980, is revived by the same team that gave its British premiere: the BBC Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Colin Davis. In equally lyrical mode, this is followed by Schubert's Mass in E flat. Featured soloists include György Pauk, Nobuko Imai and Ralph Kirshbaum. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

SPRING LOADED: Lea Anderson's all-male group The Featherstonehaughs performs its new Place Theatre commission, *Big Feature*. From Friday the group shares a double bill with DV8 collaborator Nigel Charnock's new company, making its debut with *Resurrection*. The Place, Duke's Road, London WC1 (071-387 0031), 8pm.

BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Janos Furst conducts a good romantic programme: Strauss's *Death and Transfiguration*, Nielsen's Symphony No 1 and Schumann's Piano Concerto (with soloist Peter Frankl). Wessex Hall, Poole Arts Centre, Kingland Road, Poole (0202 685222), 7.30pm.

BALLET RAMBERT: The company's spring tour presents seven of its most popular works from the current repertoire including Richard Alston's latest piece *Roughcut*, which stunned audiences at the Paris Opera recently, and American Lucinda Childs' *Four Elements*, commissioned following the company's recent Prudential Award. Theatr Clwyd, County Civic Centre, Mold (0352 55114), 8pm.

LECTURES: A variety of lectures take place in London today. Illustrator Shirley Hughes, a pioneering figure in children's literature, talks about her work (Royal Over-Seas House), columnist Michael Ignatieff discusses his first published novel (Blackheath Concert Halls); and Joshua Compston of the University of London gives a lecture entitled "British Art in the Twentieth Century" (Courtauld Institute). Royal Over-Seas House, Park Place, SW1 (071-408 0214), 6.30pm. Blackheath Concert Halls, 23 Lee Road, SE3 (071-463 0100), 8.45pm. Courtauld Institute Galleries, Somerset House, The Strand, WC2 (071-873 2526), 3pm.

THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO: Opera Factory, Britain's most radical opera group, has brought about fundamental changes in the way people perceive the classical repertoire. Continuing to challenge preconceptions of grandiose opera, it presents the last of the Mozart/Da Ponte operas. All three will be televised by Channel 4 in the autumn. Director: David Freeman. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7pm.

JONATHAN GEE: A more considered soloist than some of his flashier rivals, the young pianist goes on tour with his own trio, with bassist Wayne Batchelor and drummer Winston Clifford. Tomorrow he performs at the Four Bars Inn, Cardiff. Vortex Jazz Bar, Stoke Newington Church Street, London N16 (071-254 6516), 8.30pm.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 22

SERPIGO

(b) Any spreading skin disease, from the Late Latin word derived from the Latin *serpere* to creep; *Measure for Measure* : "The gout, serpigo, and the rheum."

KYLIN

(b) A fabulous animal of composite form, commonly figured on Chinese and Japanese pottery, from the Chinese *chi* male + *lin* female: "Dragons, kylins, and all manner of hideous and strange monsters." The kylin has the body of a deer, the tail of an ox, and a single horn, from which it is often called the Chinese unicorn.

DIASKEUAST

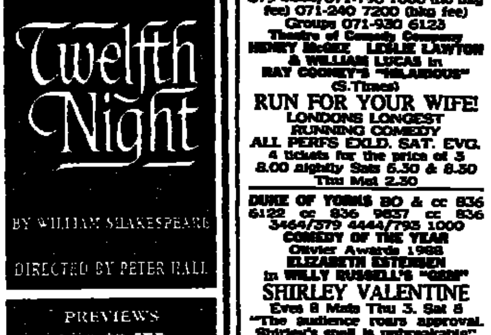
(a) A reviser, an interpolator, from the Greek *diaskeuazein* to prepare, *dia* through + *skeuos* tool: "The oversight of a diaskeuast who added this verse of a prophecy against Elam."

RAYAH

(b) A non-Muslim subject of Turkey, subject to the payment of poll tax, from the Arabic *raiyah* pasture: "They might rise against their Government and fall upon the Christian rayahs."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



Today's position is from the game King – Olafsson, Foreign & Colonial Hastings Premier 1990/91. How does Black cope with the threats to invade on d6 or c7? Solution tomorrow.

Solution to yesterday's position: 1 Rf2! pins and wins the bishop on g2.

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM 071 836 3161 cc 071 240 5258 cc 1st Call 071 240 7200 (24hr / 7 days) 071 379 4444 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.00 RUSALKA Tomor 7.30 THE TURN OF THE SCREW

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ADELPHI 071 836 7611 CC 071 793 1000/071 379 4444 First Call 24hr cc 071 497 9977 (no bkg fee) Grps 071 930 6123 NOW BOOKING TO SEPT ME AND MY GIRL THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL Nightly at 7.30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4.30 & 8.00 "THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN" Sunday Express

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1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) 1.50 Going for Gold
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3.50 Bodger and Badger. Comedy about an odd-job man at Letsby Avenue School 4.05 Jimbo and the Jet Set (r) 4.10 Jackanory. Part three of Roald Dahl's *Matilda* is read by Victoria Wood (r) 4.25 The Chipmunks (r) 4.35 Potsworth and Co
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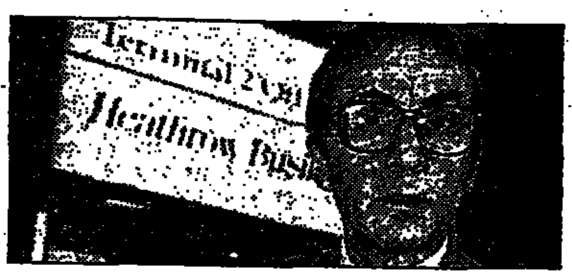
8.50 Points of View with the strident Anne Robinson
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather



Stressful business: Andrew Sachs as Stephen Kingsley (9.30pm)

9.30 QED: Whatever Happened to the Leisure Age?
● CHOICE: In the Twenties the economist J. M. Keynes looked into his crystal ball and predicted that the time would come when people would only have to work 15 hours a week. He wondered what they would do with all their extra leisure. His prediction was repeated in the Sixties by Harold Wilson and in a television documentary called *Time on Our Hands*. But despite automation and the computer revolution, we seem to be working harder than ever and the pressures of life are greater, not less. Deborah Cadbury's jaunty film has Andrew Sachs acting out a businessman's stress-filled journey to Heathrow airport and Nick Ross conducting a studio discussion between two experts. It seems that the very technology that was supposed to make our lives easier has only increased the hassle. Professor Cary Cooper from Manchester university declares that we are in "the age of hurry sickness". (Ceefax)
10.00 Sportsnight. The line-up includes highlights from today's FA Cup fifth round replays and the world indoor bowls singles quarter-finals, and Harry Carpenter watching boxing heavyweight Lennox Lewis training for next month's clash with Gary Mason who is in the studio with Mickey Duff. There is also an interview with Mike Tyson
11.30 Film: American Graffiti (1972) starring Richard Dreyfuss and Ronny Howard. A sharp and fast-moving nostalgic comedy set in 1962. Four young guys, about to begin college, get together for one last night on the town. Critically acclaimed and a huge box-office success, the film has a sound-track featuring the hit songs of the Sixties. The cast also includes Harrison Ford before he hit the big-time and the director is George Lucas, who went on to make *Star Wars*. Northern Ireland. (to 12.00) Film 91 1.20am Weather

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Social Science Foundation Course. Ends at 7.35
8.00 News
8.15 Westminster A review of business from both Houses of Parliament
9.00 Daytime on Two. Schools' half-term repeats
2.00 News and weather followed by You And Me (r)
2.15 Bowls. Dougie Donnelly introduces the latest action from the Midland Bank world indoor championship at the Guild Hall, Preston, as the competition reaches the quarter-final stage for the pairs competition
3.00 Westminster Live. Includes prime minister's question time 3.50 News, regional news and weather
4.00 Bowls. Further coverage of the world indoor singles and pairs tournaments
5.10 Horizon: The Day the Earth Melted. Sixty-five million years ago the Earth's crust cracked open, setting off a series of volcanic eruptions which were felt around the world. A remarkable new theory explains what happens within the Earth when solid rock starts to melt (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. Picard and his crew fight for their lives on a planet inhabited by a stockpile of deadly machines. Starring Patrick Stewart. (Ceefax)
6.50 DEF II begins with Reportage. Presenter Aminatta Forna and her team investigate the dangers of laxative abuse and steroid-taking. There is also a survey of rape on campus; and the outcome of an exercise to see whether employers favour fat or thin females 7.40 Rapido. Antoine de Caunes, the frenetic Frenchman with the over-the-top accent, presents another edition of the musical magazine. Includes the Glasgow sound, an investigation of Arab rock, rap from A Tribe Called Quest and producer Arthur Baker talking about his work on the soundtrack of the new Quincy Jones movie *Listen Up*

Waving goodbye to the City broker: Michael Fish (8.10pm)

8.10 Antenna.
● CHOICE: Women have been excluded from most areas of intellectual activity but not, perhaps surprisingly, science. A witty presentation by Dr Patricia Phillips points out that by the 19th century science was part of the curriculum in many girls' schools, that many scientific books and journals were written by women, and that women were allowed to be members of the important scientific societies. An official report in the 1850s on the state of science education found that many girls had better knowledge of the subject than boys. But it could not last, and by the turn of the century the government had decided that the woman's place should be in the home and domestic science replaced science proper in the school classroom. *Antenna's* other items this month are a look at how computers are replacing the old school tie and East End street wisdom in the City, with a bit part for Michael Fish, and a report on the latest developments in the search for gravity waves, the last untested prediction of Albert Einstein.
9.00 The Famous Teddy Z: Teddy Gets a House Guest. Unpredictable actor Ryan Lane is living his latest part — a moody brother in a typical Greek family. Unfortunately he is doing it in Hollywood agent Teddy's house
9.25 Nice Work. Episode three of David Lodge's satirical comedy about the clash of industry and academe, as feminist lecturer Robyn (Haydn Gwynne) "shadows" local businessman Vic (Warren Clarke). As the scheme nears its end, Vic persuades Robyn to join him on a business trip to Germany which turns out to be not all business. (r)
10.20 Fifth Column. A personal opinion on a current issue
10.30 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow
11.15 The Late Show. A special edition profiling the innovative Italian architect and designer Ettore Sottsass, founder of the Memphis movement
11.55 Weather
12.00 Open University: A Bigger Europe for the Smaller Business. Ends at 12.30am

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Gulf News Report 9.40 Thames News and weather
9.45 The Time . . . The Place . . . John Stapleton chairs a topical discussion
10.30 This Morning. Family magazine show presented by the husband and wife team of Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley
12.05 Allsorts. For the very young 12.25 Thames News and weather
12.30 News with John Suchet. Weather
1.20 Home and Away. Australian drama about a couple and their foster children 1.50 A Country Practice. Drama serial about an Australian rural community medical practice
2.20 Take the High Road. Drama set in a tight-knit Highland village
2.50 Give Us a Clue. Celebrity charades game with Michael Parkinson and team leaders Liza Goddard and Lionel Blair. Their guests are Lynda Bellingham, Christopher Biggins, Brian Conley, Windsor Davies, Susan Jameson and Anthea Turner
3.15 News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 The Young Doctors. Soap set in an Australian hospital
3.55 Woof! The first of a new series about the boy who turns into a dog at unexpected moments. Starring Edward Fidoe and Liza Goddard. (Oracle) 4.25 Rolf's Cartoon Club presented by Rolf Harris. Includes an interview with Gerald Conn, an animator whose work carries themes of conservation
5.00 Home and Away (r)
5.30 News (Oracle) and weather
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley with news of Community Land and Workspace Services — one of two technical aid centres in London
6.00 Blockbusters. Popular general knowledge quiz for teenagers, hosted by Bob Holness
6.30 Thames News and weather
7.00 This Is Your Life. Michael Aspel prepares to surprise another unsuspecting worthy with his big red book
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)
8.00 Gulf Report followed by Inspector Morse: Second Time Around.
● CHOICE. Never mind that Morse is dull and grouchy. Never mind that this supposed opera-lover sounds like a barrow boy trying to effect a posh accent. Never mind that we know nothing about him, not even his first name. The proof of the pudding is that more than 16 million of us watch the show and John Thaw continues to carry off acting awards. The appeal of *Inspector Morse* is hard to pin down but may have something to do with its leisurely pace and satisfying plots, both functions of the two-hour format. Undeniably, the show has benefited from recruiting some of the finest writers and directors working in television. As for Morse himself, perhaps ordinariness is a virtue, making him a welcome antidote to those larger-than-life supercops from across the Atlantic. The first of a new series finds Morse crossing swords with an old colleague (Kenneth Colley) as he investigates the killing of a retired policeman and an unsolved murder from 18 years ago

Professional rivalry: Kenneth Colley and John Thaw (8.00pm)

10.00 News at Ten (Oracle) and weather 10.35 Thames News and weather
10.45 Cockney Darts Classic. Tony Francis introduces the ladies' final and the men's challenge between Eric Bristow and the men's champion
11.35 Gulf News Report followed by Film: Oklahoma! (1955). Competent, unexciting screen version of one of America's greatest theatrical achievements, saved by the brilliant Rodgers and Hammerstein score which predictably won an Oscar. The story concerns love, jealousy and the struggle to make Oklahoma an American state. Starring Gordon MacRae, Shirley Jones and Rod Steiger. Directed by Fred Zinnemann, obviously not at home with the musical.
2.15am Videofashion. The fashion magazine looks at what the people in the public eye are sporting.
2.40 America's Top Ten introduced by Tommy Puett
3.10 Quiz Night. Martin Roberts hosts the inter pub and club quiz
3.40 The Channon and Ball Video Show. Mick Channon and Alan Ball relive some of soccer's greatest moments
4.40 Fifty Years On. Newsreels from 1941
5.00 Nashville Swing. Tom Bresh and Myrna Lorrie introduce the show for insomniac country and western fans (r)
5.30 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel 4 Daily with extended World News on the Gulf war
9.25 Schools
12.00 Channel 4 News summary
12.05 The Parliament Programme. Nicholas Woolley reports from the European parliament on its first debate on the Gulf war
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service
1.00 Sesame Street. The early-learning series
2.00 Film: Sweet Rosie O'Grady (1943). Unassuming Betty Grable vehicle about a queen of the musical stage in turn-of-the-century London, whose engagement to an English duke is threatened when an American reporter exposes her as a former star of the Brooklyn burlesque. Watchable for its musical numbers, particularly "My Heart Tells Me" sung by Grable from her bath tub. Directed by Irving Cummings
3.25 The Three Stooges in *From Nurse to Worse* (1940, b/w). Directed by Jules White 3.45 Of Dice and Men. Canadian animation.
4.00 Not Pots: The Jewellers — Precious Time. In the second programme in this craft series, two very different jewellers offer solutions to selling hand-crafted goods which are costly to produce (r) (Teletext)
4.30 Countdown with Richard Whiteley
5.00 The Adventures of TinTin. Episode 11 of *The Treasure of Rackham the Red* (r)
5.05 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Julio Inglesias pops in to talk candidly about his private life, to sing a few hits and probably make an audience of female fans swoon
6.00 The Wonder Years. Kevin (Fred Savage) is having communication problems with his sister Karen (Olivia D'Abo) (r)
6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. His guests are actor Phil Daniels and Welsh surfing champion Karwyn Williams
7.00 Channel 4 News (Oracle)
7.50 Party Political Comment from a Scottish National party politician. Followed by Weather
8.00 Brookside. The Merseyside soap flows on (Teletext)

Serving life for her husband's murder: Kiranjit Ahluwalia (8.30pm)

8.30 Dispatches.
● CHOICE: Many fewer wives kill their husbands than the other way round but if they do, they are likely to be less sympathetically treated by the law. Gita Sahgal's eye-opening report focuses on the cases of four women, all of whom had suffered years of violence and abuse from the spouses they killed. Yet despite considerable mitigating circumstances, three were convicted of murder and are serving life sentences. The film argues that there is a double standard. Men who kill their wives can successfully plead provocation, yet years of domestic violence by men are not seen by the courts in a similar way. Trials tend to focus on the single incident rather than looking at the wider background. The issue is complicated by the reluctance of some women to speak out against men who have abused them, while the police have regarded "domestics" as something to keep well out of
9.15 Short and Curlies: The Zip. A second showing for Michael Parry's short film starring Denis Lawson as a white-collar worker who is shocked to discover a zip running down the middle of his body. Will he pluck up the courage to find out what it conceals? (r) (Teletext)
9.30 Free For All. Topical access programme. Iain Philpott, a survivor of the Marchioness disaster, argues that transport operators should be required to publish information relevant to public safety; and there is a follow-up on the Ucatt report about the dangers of solvents in paint
10.00 Film on Four Extra: Caravaggio (1986). Derek Jarman's imaginative film portrait of the last great artist of the Renaissance, starring Nigel Terry in the title part, with Tilda Swinton, Michael Gough and Robbie Coltrane. Although in places as stationary as the paintings it depicts, the film is an impressive work, taking into account its modest budget and the efforts taken to recreate Caravaggio's chiaroscuro technique on film. (Oracle)
11.45 Sid Caesar's Show of Shows (b/w). Another selection of excerpts from the classic American comedy series
12.15am Channel 4 News — Midnight Special. Nick Owen presents the latest news of events in the Gulf. Ends at 2.00

TV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 5.00pm-5.30 Blockbusters 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 10.45 Film: Royal Flash 12.45 Ski Tips 1.15 Quiz Night 1.45 Film: This Man Can't Die 3.25 Raw Power 4.25 Pop Profile 4.35 Farming Diary 5.00-5.30 Nashville Swing

BORDER

As London except: 1.50pm Sons and Daughters 2.20-2.50 Scottish Women 6.00 Lookaround Wednesday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.45 Film: The Osterman Weekend 12.45 Jake and the Fatman 1.40 Donahue 2.35 Video View 3.05 Film: Delusions of Grandeur 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL

As London except: 5.00pm-5.30 Blockbusters 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 Central News 10.45 Film: Dr Jekyll and Sister Hyde 12.40 Matlock 1.40 Donahue 2.35 Pick of the Week 3.05 An Invitation to Remember: Dame Anna Neagle 3.35 Beyond 2000 4.25-5.30 Central Jobfinder

CHANNEL

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Channel Report 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.45 Film: Royal Flash 12.40am Film: Dr Phibes Rides Again 2.20 Donahue 3.15 Night Heat 4.10 Extra Dimensions 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

GRANADA

As London except: 5.00pm-5.30 Blockbusters 6.00 Home and Away 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 10.45 Film: The Osterman Weekend 12.45 Jake and the Fatman 1.40 Donahue 2.35 Video View 3.05 Film: Delusions of Grandeur 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.45 Film: Lassiter 12.45 Friday the 13th 1.40 America's Top Ten 2.10 Donahue 3.05 Schmania 4.40 An Invitation to Remember: Lionel Jeffries 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six

TSW

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Farmhouse Kitchen 3.25-3.55 Home and Away 5.00-5.30 Take the High Road 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.45 Film: The Osterman Weekend 12.45am Jake and the Fatman 1.45 Donahue 2.35 Video View 3.05 Film. Delusions of Grandeur (Louis de Funes, Yves Montand) 5.00-5.30 TSW Jobfinder

TVS

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.45 Film: Royal Flash 12.40am Film: Dr Phibes Rises Again 2.20 Donahue 3.15 Night Heat 4.10 Extra Dimensions 5.05-5.30 America's Top Ten

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Santa Barbara 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Ark on the Move 10.45 Film: The Osterman Weekend 12.45 Jake and the Fatman 1.40 Donahue 2.35 Video View 3.05-5.00 Film: Delusions of Grandeur

ULSTER

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 3.25-3.55 Who's The Boss? 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.45 Film: Osterman Weekend 12.45 Jake and the Fatman 1.45 Donahue 2.35 Video View 3.05 Film: Delusion of Grandeur 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 6.00pm Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.45 Film: Last Embrace 12.40 Dirty Dancing 1.10 In the Heat of the Night 2.05 Quiz Night 2.35 How Was It For You? 3.05 Comedy Tonight 3.35 Music Box 4.35-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C

Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Yagollon 12.00 Special 12.10 Pobol Y Cwm 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Vintage 2.30 The Television Village 3.30 Tony Jacklin's Pro-Celebrity Golf Challenge 4.30 Slot 23 5.15 Brookside 5.45 Heno 6.00 Newyddion 6.15 Heno 6.40 Pobol Y Cwm 7.00 Hel Straeon 7.30 Ar Y Tir 8.00 The Survival Factor 8.30 Newyddion 9.00 Sbectrwm 9.30 Now You're Talking 9.55 Film: Convicted — A Mother's Story 11.45 Sid Caesar's Show of Shows" 12.15 C4 News 2.00 Diweddi

RTE 1

Starts: 12.15pm Dail Report 12.30 Check Up 1.00 News 1.40 Bizzard's Wizard Woodwork 2.05 Sam 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 News followed by Emmerdale 4.30 Knots Landing 5.20 Quinoscopios 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six One 7.00 No 1 7.35 MacGyver 8.30 Look Here 9.00 News 9.30 Bol 10.30 Wednesday Report 11.05 Bergerac 12.05am News

NETWORK 2

Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 6.30 Home and Away 7.00 Nuacht 7.08 Cursai 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News 8.05 This Is Your Life 8.35 Who's The Boss? 9.00 Cheers 9.30 News: Diamonds 10.25 Nighthawks 11.05 News 11.25 Dail Report

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot 8.50 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 Here's Lucy 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Loving 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Punky Brewster 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 The Secret Video Show 8.00 Alien Nation 9.00 Equal Justice 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Hitchhiker 11.00 Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer 12.00 Search for Adventure 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.
5.00am Sky Newswatch 9.30 Nightline 11.00 International Business Report 1.30pm NBC Today 2.30 Parliament Live 4.00 International Business Report 5.00 Live at Five 8.30 Newsline 7.00 Sky World News Tonight 8.30 Roving Report 9.00 Sky World News Tonight 10.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC Nightly News 12.30am CBS News 1.30 ABC News 2.30 NBC News 3.30 CBS News 4.30 European Business Today

SKY MOVIES

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Showcase
10.00 Ransom (1975) The British ambassador to a Scandinavian country is kidnapped. Starring Sean Connery and Ian McShane
11.55 David and Bathsheba (1951) Gregory Peck stars as the biblical hero King David, who is in love with the wife of one of his captains
2.00pm Words by Heart: A black family face racial prejudice in a small Midwestern community at the turn of the century
4.00 Across the Great Divide (1977): Two orphans and a conman travel to Oregon to claim the children's inheritance
6.00 What Price Victory? (1988) Drama set against the backdrop of American college football
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 The Three Fugitives (1989): When Martin Short bungles an attempt to raid a bank, he takes hostage a notorious bank robber (Nick Nolte)
9.40 At the Pictures.
10.00 The Battle of the Blockbusters. Sky viewers can decide between Wall Street (1987) Michael Douglas and Martin Sheen star in Oliver Stone's drama about insider dealing or Working Girl (1988) Melanie Griffith stars as the secretary who claws her way up the corporate ladder
12.00 The Silent Partner (1978) A cashier learns in advance that his bank is to be robbed and takes the opportunity to steal some money. Starring Elliot Gould and Christopher Plummer
2.00am The Iron Triangle (1988): A portrait of the Vietnam war through the eyes of the Vietnamese. Starring Beau Bridges
4.00 Nicky and Gino (1987): Drama in which Eugene (Ray Liotta), a medical student, receives financial support from his retarded brother Dominic (Tom Hulce). Ends at 5.45

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
5.00am International Business Report 5.30 European Business Today 6.00 DJ Kat 7.30 Eurobics 8.00 Stuttgart Classic Tennis 10.00 World Championship Armwrestling 10.30 Eurobics 11.00 Freestyle Skiing 11.30 Biathlon World Champs 12.30pm Stuttgart Classic Tennis 5.30 Transworld Sport 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Boxing 8.00 Ford Ski Report 9.00 Stuttgart Classic Tennis 11.00 Eurosport News 11.30 Spanish Goals 12.00 Volleyball

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Ice Racing Individual World Cup 8.00 Kickboxing — USA 9.30 Tobogganing 10.00 Stop-Kick Boxing 11.00 Ten Pin Bowling 12.15pm Go 1.15 French Rugby League Britain v France 2.45 Spain Spain Sport 3.00 Moto News 3.30 US Pro Boxing 5.00 Stop-Supercross 6.00 US PGA Shearson Lehman Hutton Open 8.00 International Ice Hockey Sweden 10.00 Wide World of Sport 11.00 Ice Hockey: NHL 1991

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Slim Cooking 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 What's New 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.35 The Edge of Night 2.00 A Matter of the Heart 3.55 Tea Break 4.05 Phyllis 4.35 Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
1.45pm Bad News Bears (1976). Walter Matthau's basketball coach discovers an ace pitcher (Tatum O'Neal)
3.30 The Movie Show
4.00 The Belle of the Nineties (1934). Mae West stars as a nightclub entertainer who falls in love with a boxer, played by Roger Pryor
6.00 The Allnighter (1987): It is graduation eve, and that means party time for three friends studying at a Californian surfside college. Starring Susanna Hoffs, Dedee Pfeiffer and Joan Cusack
7.35 The Movie Show
8.00 Brighton Beach Memoirs (1987): A Neil Simon comedy in which a Jewish boy in New York can think of nothing but sex, baseball and dreams of becoming a writer
10.00 Blue City (1986): Billy Turner is released from jail and returns home to find that his father has been murdered. Starring Judd Nelson and Ally Sheedy
11.25 Do the Right Thing (1989) Spike Lee's searing account of mounting racial tension on the hottest day of the year in a predominantly black community in downtown New York
1.25am Bloodsport (1987) Jean-Claude van Damme takes part in the Kumite, a martial arts contest. Ends at 3.00

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
1.30pm Racing Today 2.00 British Boxing 4.00 Supercross 5.00 Fishing the West 5.30 GW Talks To . . . 6.00 Surfing Magazine 6.30 NHL Ice Hockey 7.30 Live FA Cup Football 9.30 Sportrait 10.00 Best of American Motor Cycle Racing 11.00 Racing Today 11.30 FA Cup Football

THE POWER STATION

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
7.00am Twenty-one hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Biber (Mensa sonora Pars III in A minor); Sammartini (Quintet No 3 in G)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Satie (Mercure); Haydn (Trio in A flat, H XV 14); Weber (Concertino in C minor)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Gluck — The Powers of Evil. Demons and Furies from Orfeo ed Euridice; L'Ivrogne Corrigé; Don Juan; Armide, Act 3)
9.35 Midweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe. Elgar (Sea Pictures, Op 37); Haydn (Piano Sonata in E flat, H XVI 49); Rutter (Te Deum); K. Leighton (Dialogues on the Scottish Psalm-Tune Martyrs, Op 73); Mozart (Adagio and Rondo in C minor, K 617); Grieg (Wedding Day at Troldhaugen); Foerster (Suite, Cyrano de Bergerac, Op 55); Delibes (Duet Viens, Mallika, Lakmé, Act 1); Fucik (The Bear with the Sore Head, Op 210)
12.00 Leipzig and Dresden: The second of two programmes. Virtuosi Saxoniae Dresden under Ludwig Güttler, horn, performs Zelenka (Laudate pueri dominum); Vivaldi (Nisi Dominus, RV 608); Heinichen (Lamentatio I); Bach (Cantata No 51, Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen)
1.00pm News
1.05 Concert Hall: Live from Broadcasting House, London. The pianist Penelope Thwaites plays Bach, arr Liszt (Organ Prelude and Fugue in A minor); Grieg (Wedding March from Telemark; The Maidens from Kivle, Spring Dance; Rotnemsknut from Hallingdal, Op 72 Nos 3, 16 and 7); Grainger (The Power of Love; The Sussex Mummers Christmas Carol, Molly on the Shore). Debussy (Suite, Pour le Piano)
2.00 Record Review, with Richard Osborne (r)
3.10 Vintage Years: Malcolm Sargent conducts Elgar (Serenade in E minor: Philharmonia); Vaughan Williams (Serenade to Music: Soloists: London Symphony Orchestra and Chorus; Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis)
4.00 Choral Evensong: Live from Gloucester Cathedral
5.00 Maori Traditional Music: Ngati Ranana, a Maori vocal group, sings the "Song of Creation" and a selection of other Maori dance songs (r)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Robert Hewison talks to Janet Sayers, author of *Mothering Psychoanalysis*
7.30 BBC SO: Sixtieth Anniversary Season. Tippett (Triple Concerto)
● CHOICE: Tonight's concert is in the nature of a happy reunion for Colin Davis and soloists Gyorgy Pauk (violin), Nobuko Imai (viola) and Ralph Kirshbaum (cello) because they shared the platform at the Albert Hall when Tippett's Triple Concerto was premiered at the 1980 Proms. On that occasion, though, the orchestra was the London Symphony Orchestra, not the BBC Symphony Orchestra, which plays tonight
8.05 A Stroll in Vienna. Carl Auböck, professor of design at Vienna university, talks to Judith Bumpus about the political and architectural significance of Fischer von Erlach's Karlskirche. 8.25 Schubert (Mass in E flat: BBC Symphony Chorus under Stephen Jackson, with Yvonne Kenny, soprano, Alfreda Hodgson, mezzo, Keith Lewis and Ian Caley, tenors)
9.30 The Price of Beef: Are new diseases such as BSE the price we have to pay for cheap food? Geoff Watts investigates (r)
10.15 Max Bruch (String Quintet in A minor, Op posth, 1918: Hanson String Quartet) (r)
10.45 BBC Singers on Tour: introduced by soprano Alison Wells and conducted by John Poole. Britten (Hymn to St Cecilia, Op 27); Ligeti (Drei Phantasien nach Friedrich Hölderlin), Murray Shafer (The Death of the Buddha — first performance)
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Liszt (Two Episodes after Lenau's Faust, Il penseroso; La Notte; Symphonic poem, Orpheus) (r)
1.00-2.25 Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland) (broadcast at 9.00am on Radio 5)

RADIO 4

● FM: Most scheduled programmes will be suspended to give news of the Gulf war. The following schedule, on MW and LW, is subject to alteration:

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, *incl* 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55, 8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time from west London (r)
10.30 Morning Story: Na Luin, by the Gaelic author Alasdair Campbell
10.45 Daily Service from the Seventh Assembly of the World Council of Churches meeting in Canberra, Australia
11.00 News; File on 4 (r)
11.42 Profile: A radio portrait
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25 Out of Order. Patrick Hannan chairs the political quiz 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Includes a discussion on the role of a woman prime minister; and Jill Burridge examines the controversy surrounding the proposed canonisation of Queen Isabella of Spain
3.00 News; Independence: The Black Black Sea. The second of Angus Graham-Campbell's four-part drama set in a progressive school on the south coast
3.47 Enquire Within: Dilly Barlow rummages through the contents of the "bottom drawer" and investigates the mystery of the Scottish gospel ships
4.00 News
4.05 Only the Best Will Do
● CHOICE. Indian wives are almost literally worth their weight in gold, if Alison Townsend's findings on the matrimonial rituals of Asians in Britain are universally applicable. Brides-to-be might prefer a car from fond parents, but it is gold jewellery they are showered with, sometimes worth £5,000 and more, and none of your nine carat cheapos, either. Meetha Patel's golden dowry will be 22 carat (the limit for hallmarking), or even 24 carat (fine gold). And that's only for starters. She goes on to the gold standard in a really big way when husband-to-be and family make their contributions to her golden treasury
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Film reviews include *The Russia House*, starring Sean Connery and Michelle Pfeiffer, from the book by John Le Carré; *Mr and Mrs Bridge*, starring Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward; and Nigel Andrews reveals the winner of the alternative film title competition
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 It Only Hurts When I Laugh: The comic worlds of Stan Freberg (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts: John Waite presents the last in the series
7.45 Medicine Now (r)
8.15 A Perspective for Living: Bel Mooney talks to six people about the way in which one particular death affected their lives. 2: The actor Barry Rutter discusses his baby son, Harry
8.45 The English: Malcolm Billings and Professor Jonathan Riley-Smith seek the origins of the English. In the seventh of eight programmes, they examine the religious tensions and conflict between the monarch and Parliament in the 17th century
9.15 Kaleidoscope (broadcast at 4.30pm)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Carol by Patricia Highsmith (10 of 12)
11.00 Murder Most Foul: Cabin 126, by John Scotney. The second of six murder stories. If there is no body, can you be convicted of murder?
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping

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Smoke victim: one of 33 people who were taken to hospital is treated at Liverpool Street station, after spending hours trapped in an Underground tunnel

Major accuses 'sick minds' behind bomb

By Quentin Cowdry and Michael Dynes

THE prime minister yesterday *castigated the IRA gang* responsible for the Victoria station bombing as being "sick of mind" as Labour demanded a heightening of security at railway termini.

As police yesterday questioned passengers at Victoria about Monday's attack, in which one man died and 38 other people were injured, John Major told MPs that the IRA gang responsible would be relentlessly pursued.

Mr Major said of the bombers: "They are certainly sick of mind and they can be certain of one thing. They will be hunted and hunted until they are found.".

Earlier, John Prescott, the shadow transport secretary, had pressed ministers for new security measures, including more staff at British Rail and London Underground stations and re-equipping British Transport Police with sniffer dogs. Plans by the Underground to shed 1,000 jobs must be reassessed, he told Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary.

The commuter killed in the bombing was named yesterday as David Corner, aged 36, a civil servant from south London. His widow, Jane, said that Mr Corner, a committed Christian, would have forgiven his murderers. She said: "I don't feel hatred. It's just so sad he died."

Police yesterday contemptuously dismissed an IRA claim that there would have been no casualties had they shut stations sooner. In a statement claiming responsibility for the attacks, the IRA said that police had effectively been given two warnings and accused them of cynically exposing the public to the risk of injury. Scotland Yard said the "outrageous" claim was a typical IRA attempt to shift blame for what had been a callous attack on the softest of targets

Sir Bob Reid, BR's chairman, said that he had no reason to dispute the transport police's decision to keep stations open after a bomb had exploded harmlessly at Paddington and a warning of others had been received.

Labour attacks 'bed and breakfast tax'

By Philip Webster and Nicholas Wood

MICHAEL Heseltine's plan to replace the community charge with a new property tax adjusted for the number of people living in a household was denounced as a "bed and breakfast tax" by Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secretary last night.

Mr Gould said that the main purpose of Mr Heseltine's favoured scheme, which was disclosed by *The Times* yesterday, was to satisfy Tory ideologues who were fighting to the last to retain the principle of the poll tax.

It was, he said in a Commons debate, two taxes dressed up as one, a head tax and a floor tax rolled into one, "a catch you at both ends tax, a top and toe tax." Mr Gould went on: "It counts the number of bedrooms you have in the house and then adds in the number of people who eat breakfast: a bed and breakfast tax."

Mr Heseltine endured Mr Gould's onslaught without comment. A cabinet committee headed by the prime minister is examining the detailed options for reforming local finance and has yet to agree its package.All Mr Heseltine could say about the review during a speech which followed Mr Gould's was that it would have been unrealistic to expect conclusions by now but that he hoped "perhaps by April I shall be able to narrow the focus of attention".

Mr Heseltine is proposing a new property tax that he believes satisfies the demand of the prime minister and cabinet colleagues who want to retain the principle of everyone contributing to local taxation but at the same time are happy to ditch the poll tax.

Michael Portillo, the local government minister, gave the only hint of the way the government is moving when he said at the end of last night's debate that "the principle that everybody should pay is widely accepted."

Mr Heseltine's preferred solution is a property tax based on floor space and adjusted for the number of people in a household.

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Thousands evacuated from Tube

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Hospital, who had been called on to attend several passengers who had been overcome by claustrophobia and heat, said as he left Liverpool Street at about 2pm: "My recollection is how remarkably calm everybody was. One or two people were a little upset but basically it went very well."

Joanne Root, aged 26, who was travelling from Snaresbrook, said: "People made the best of it. We were trapped for about three hours, and the train was completely packed. In the first two hours there were only three announcements, in which basically the driver said he could not tell us what was happening. It was quite scary. Then we had to climb out down woden steps and walk along the track, and then up and through another train, until we arrived at Bethnal Green. It was very dark and ill-lit and there were only a few people with torches."

Trisha Lincoln, aged 28, said: "Most people were trying to be calm. It was the great stoic British public at work."

Political sketch

On hearing the first ministerial cuckoo

MINISTER-spotting at Westminster, like train-spotting at Clapham Junction, is an absorbing pursuit whose rewards do not lie in identifying the principal genus. The fun lies in spotting the rare sub-species.

Among ministers, the rarest are three exotic phenomena: the phantom minister, the cuckoo minister, and the jack-in-the-box minister. Only a handful of government departments boast the inclusion of even one of these. But the ministry of defence includes all three.

Archie Hamilton is the fledgling cuckoo. "Minister of state for the armed forces" might not, in quiet times, sound an exciting job. Normally, real soldiers, sailors and airmen are mentioned only in passing at Westminster – debate being all about star wars, blue-water strategy, and low-flying jets scaring sheep.

But war changes perspectives. Suddenly, soldiers matter. The minister responsible finds his modest portfolio the subject of persistent parliamentary interest. Mr Hamilton (Eton and the Coldstream guards) is immensely tall, dry, rather grand and possessed of an imperious manner which hints that this officer was born to command. A minister like Mr Hamilton is ready for whatever grubs, worms or tasty snacks fate drops into his open beak.

At defence questions yesterday, of the dozen or so questions asked, fate, or the Order Paper, dropped numbers 2,3,5,6,7 & 9 into Hamilton's beak. The session began to take on a sort of "Questions to the Hon Archie Hamilton" air, as the armed forces minister told us how matters stood – from oil slicks to poll tax to military training.

Mr Hamilton was also able to put Derek Conway (C, Shrewsbury & Atcham) right, about the territorial army, in the manner which hinted that a chap's heart may be in the right place but he really ought to know something about soldiering.

By now the other ministers were getting hungry. Their nest on the front bench strained at the the seams as Mr Hamilton leapt up and down at the dispatch box, his arms full of briefing notes, papers and background information. The other two looked in danger of falling out altogether.

Of these, Alan Clark is the jack-in-the-box. This type of minister remains quite still for long periods, lying doggo, then suddenly pops up when you least expect it and says something extraordinary. Nick Ridley was perhaps the most famous example. These ministers are extremely dangerous, and great fun.

Mr Clark has referred to "abroad" as "bongo-bongo-land." But yesterday was one of his doggo days. He got only two questions – yet the sadness for Mr Clark was that either could have triggered him out of his box but the gravity of war forbade it.

Labour's Bob Cryer deplored the result of selling arms abroad: "British weapons are used against our own troops," he said.

Those who know Mr Clark can imagine him replying that, as compared with being fired at by foreign weapons, this had three advantages. First, the weapons might not work. Secondly, if they did, we at least knew *how* they worked. And, thirdly, we should anyway be paid for them. This was by no means what the minister said.

Sitting, silent, thoughout all this, was a pleasant looking chap, with a gentle smile. His name is Kenneth Carlisle. He appeared to be a minister. But none of the questions seemed to be for him. Sometimes he would make as if to rise, then sink back – on the verge, it seemed, of speaking. Finally he did speak. There were, he said "a number of options for the relocation of the Directorate General of Defence Quality Assurance." But he did not say what that was. It was a complete mystery. After this question, he never spoke again.

This was the phantom minister. I wonder if Mr Carlisle really *is* in the ministry of defence? He looks far too nice.

Matthew Parris

US ready to govern Kuwait

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lieved to be dug-in in the surrounding countryside.

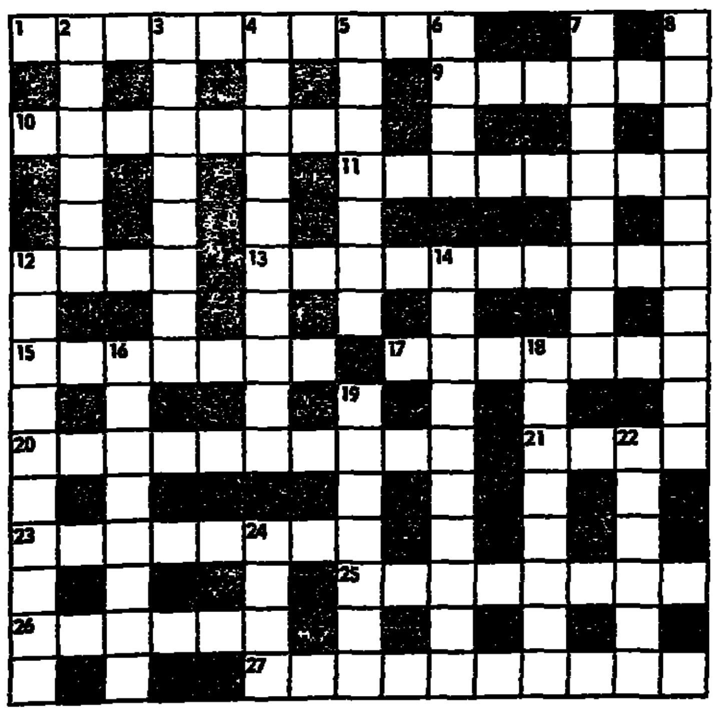
Major Batchelder's statement marked the first time that an American officer has declared publicly that detailed plans have been prepared for the occupation of parts of Iraq.

Asked if such a plan also existed for Baghdad, Major Batchelder said: "No matter how I answer that, that will tell you part of the combat plan."

If civil-military governments do result from a ground offensive, US officers claim that it will be the first large-scale use of this form of administration by the US military since the second world war.

Major Frederick Phillips, another US civil affairs expert, said that although it might seem difficult to use Iraqi officials in a US-controlled civil government, past experience had shown that mid and low-level bureaucrats could be helpful.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,534



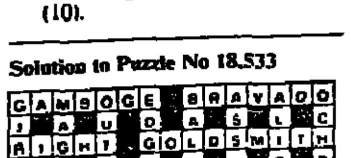
ACROSS

1 Chauvinism appears to lose vigour, faltering when sovereign leaves (4-6).
9 Capital providing a Scottish engineer with zero return (6).
10 Being ill, he sipped a therapeutic liquid (5-3).
11 One way to travel to Shanghai (8).
12 County borders (4).
13 Take iron to very short shot – the excitement's intense (5,5).
15 Run into chap before 8 (7).
17 Trick could result in penalty points (7).
20 Put up a bit of a fight at first, delivering a swinging punch (10).
21 An odd character in action (4).
23 The rest of the wood cut by Jack and Ray (3-5).
25 Afterwards admitting an expression of disgust, as well as one of joy (8).
26 Note invested in round seed cake (6).
27 Persevering man retired after one from Paris slipped up (10).

DOWN

2 City left a hero in the lurch (6).
3 Woolly animal (8).
4 Employed by thousands of orthodontists, etc (3,2,5).
5 I am to turn out better (7).
6 One wet spot turns up in the desert (4).
7 Kills after argument and scrap escalate (8).
8 He searched all over the place – no luck (4,6).
12 Dictator opposed by Winston (3,7).
14 Carpet beater may cause turmoil (5,1,4)
16 Serving no purpose, being impotent without America (8).
18 Prince – he's been ordered to keep things secret (5)
19 Dashing fellow was ahead, but crumpled (7).
22 A measure of acidity in dry field (6).
24 Part of "The Cruel Sea" in colour (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,533



Concise crossword, page 17. The Eliminator puzzle appears tomorrow.

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

SERPIGO
a. A chain dance
b. A spreading skin disease
c. A Mexican coin

KYLIN
a. An island loch
b. A pottery animal
c. A Highland dirge

DIASKEUAST
a. A reviser or interpolator
b. A soldier with a sling
c. Ash and clay china

RAYAH
a. A Burman prince
b. A non-Muslim Turk
c. The Phoenician diagraph RY

Answers on page 20

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WEATHER

Southeast England will start misty but should brighten up. The Midlands and northeast England will be mostly dry, western England and Wales will have some rain, and Scotland and Northern Ireland will have some sunshine and showers. Northern Ireland and western Scotland will become cloudy later with some rain, which will spread to the rest of Scotland during the evening. Outlook: rain and strong winds.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder d=drizzle fg=fog s=sun sl=sleet sn=snow f=fair c=cloud r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	16	61	f	Malaga	13	55	s
Akrotiri	18	64	f	Malta	15	59	s
Alex dria	25	77	s	Melb'rne	19	66	f
Algiers	14	57	c	Mexico C*	23	73	s
Amst dm	3	37	s	Miami*	24	75	c
Athens	14	57	f	Milan	7	45	s
Barbados*	28	82	f	Montreal*	5	23	s
Barcelna	13	55	f	Moscow	-9	16	sn
Belgrade	2	36	c	Munich	5	41	c
Berlin	2	36	s	Nairobi	30	86	s
Bermuda*	19	66	f	Naples	15	59	f
Biarritz	12	54	s	N Delhi	18	64	s
Borde'x	13	55	s	N York*	1	34	c
Brussels	1	34	c	Nice	15	59	f
Budapst	1	34	s	Oslo	-2	28	f
B Aires*	27	81	s	Paris	8	46	s
Cairo	27	81	s	Peking	1	34	s
Cape Tn	23	73	s	Perth	30	86	s
C'blanca	8	46	h	Prague	2	36	s
Chicago*	2	36	r	Reykjavik	2	36	f
Ch'church	10	50	r	Rhodes	14	57	c
Cologne	3	37	c	Rio de J	27	81	d
C'phagn	1	34	c	Rome	15	59	f
Corfu	14	57	s	Salzburg	8	46	s
Dublin	7	45	c	S Frisco*	14	57	s
Dubrovnik	15	59	s	Santiago*	29	84	s
Faro	14	57	c	S Paulo*	20	68	c
Florence	12	54	c	Seoul	-2	28	s
Frankfurt	1	34	c	Sing'por	31	88	f
Funchal	15	59	f	St'kholm	-1	30	c
Geneva	2	36	c	Strasb'rg	4	39	s
Gibraltar	13	55	f	Sydney	27	81	s
Helsinki	-5	23	c	Tangier	10	50	r
Hong K	17	63	r	Tenerife	17	63	c
Innsbrck	4	39	s	Tokyo	8	46	c
Istanbul	8	46	f	Toronto*	1	34	c
Jo'burg*	22	72	f	Tunis	14	57	f
L Palmas	21	70	s	Valencia	12	54	r
Le Touqt	5	41	f	Vanc'ver*	6	43	r
Lisbon	11	52	c	Venice	7	45	c
Locarno	6	43	s	Vienna	-2	28	s
L Angels*	19	66	s	Warsaw	-1	30	f
Luxembg	4	39	c	Wash'ton*	6	43	c
Luxor	30	86	s	Wel'ngton	15	59	c
Madrid	7	45	c	Zurich	4	39	s
Majorca	12	54	r				

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp max 6 am to 6 pm, 7C (45F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 1C (34F). Humidity 6 pm, 69 per cent. Rain 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun 24 hr to 6 pm, 7.9 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,013.2 millibars, steady.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Cardiff 9C (48F); lowest day max: Burton, Derbyshire 2C (36F); highest rainfall: Anglesey, Gwynedd 0.06 in; highest sunshine: Saunton Sands, Devon, 9.3 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 5C (41F); min 6 pm to 6 am, -3C (27F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 5.6 hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 6C (43F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 2C (36F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Aberdeen	1.3	-	5	41	cloudy
Anglesey	5.0	.06	7	45	sunny
Aviemore	3.5	-	5	41	bright
Belfast	0.4	.01	5	41	bright
Birmingham	0.6	-	5	41	cloudy
Blackpool	2.2	-	6	43	bright
Bognor Regis	9.0	-	7	45	sunny
Bournemouth	7.8	-	7	45	sunny
Brighton	6.8	-	6	43	sunny
Buxton	0.1	-	2	36	dull
Cardiff	8.2	-	7	45	sunny
Clacton	1.5	-	5	41	bright
Douglas	4.8	.04	5	41	sunny
Edinburgh	0.5	-	5	41	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	0.7	-	3	37	cloudy
Exmouth	7.9	-	6	43	sunny
Falmouth	5.1	-	6	43	bright
Folkestone	7.5	-	5	41	sunny
Guernsey	9.2	-	7	45	sunny
Hastings	7.7	-	5	41	sunny
Ilfracombe	X	-	5	41	sunny
Jersey	7.3	-	6	43	sunny
Leeds	3.8	-	6	43	sunny
Lerwick	0.1	.02	4	39	snow
Morecambe	0.8	.01	5	41	dull
Newcastle	X	-	5	41	snow
Newquay	X	-	7	45	sunny
Nottingham	-	-	4	39	cloudy
Penzance	5.7	-	7	45	sunny
Plymouth	8.3	-	6	43	sunny
Saunton Snd	9.3	-	8	46	sunny
Scarborough	5.4	-	5	41	sunny
Scilly Isles	6.5	-	7	45	sunny
Southend	6.8	-	6	43	sunny
Southsea	8.7	-	7	45	sunny
St Ives	7.3	-	6	43	sunny
Stornoway	2.5	.02	5	41	rain
Swanage	8.0	-	5	41	sunny
Teignmouth	6.7	-	5	41	sunny
Tenby	2.5	-	6	43	cloudy
Tiree	5.0	.01	6	43	sunny
Torquay	7.8	-	7	45	sunny
Wick	1.6	.04	5	41	bright

These are Monday's figures

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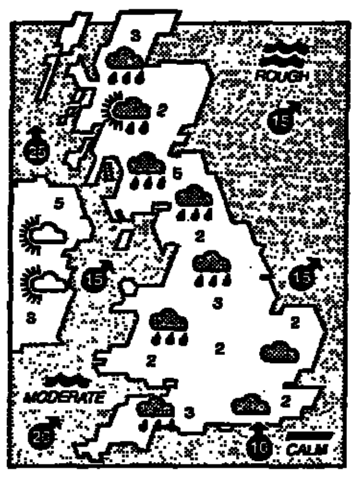

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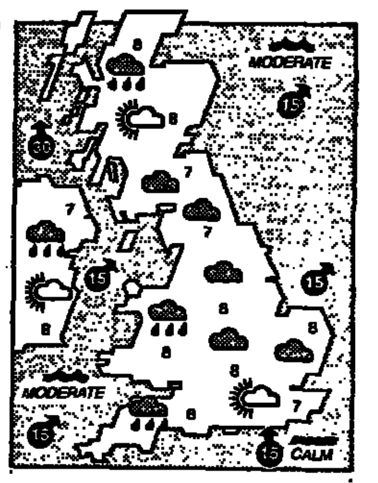

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	3	37	r	Guernsey	4	39	c
B'rmghm	4	39	s	Inverness	7	45	f
Blackpool	3	37	c	Jersey	3	37	c
Bristol	4	39	s	London	5	41	s
Cardiff	5	41	s	M'nchstr	4	39	s
Edinburgh	5	41	f	Newcastle	4	39	s
Glasgow	5	41	r	R'nldsway	7	45	f

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 5.24 pm to 7.04 am
Bristol 5.34 pm to 7.13 am
Edinburgh 5.27 pm to 7.25 am
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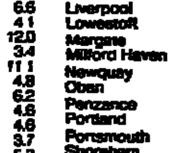

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Aberdeen	4.40	3.8	4.48	4.1	Lowestoft	12.24	2.4	1.05	2.1
Avonmouth	10.33	12.4	10.47	12.0	Margate	2.53	4.7	3.32	4.4
Belfast	2.11	3.2	2.30	3.4	Milford Haven	9.35	6.6	9.52	6.3
Cardiff	10.18	11.5	10.32	11.1	Newquay	8.29	6.6	8.47	6.3
Devonport	8.54	5.0	9.13	4.8	Oban	8.57	3.7	9.01	3.5
Dover	1.58	6.5	2.19	6.2	Penzance	8.01	5.1	8.21	4.8
Falmouth	8.24	4.8	8.43	4.6	Portland	10.06	1.9	10.21	1.7
Glasgow	4.10	4.6	4.25	4.6	Portsmouth	2.32	4.4	2.49	4.3
Harwich	2.56	3.9	3.27	3.7	Shoreham	2.12	6.0	2.35	5.8
Holyhead	1.24	5.2	1.44	5.3	Southampton	2.00	4.4	2.17	4.2
Hull	9.39	6.9	9.53	7.2	Swansea	9.35	9.0	9.50	8.6
Ilfracombe	9.17	8.6	9.32	8.3	Tees	7.04	4.8	7.16	5.0
King's Lynn	9.48	5.9	9.57	6.3	W'ton-on-Nze	2.50	4.1	3.21	3.9
Leith	6.00	5.0	6.18	5.2					

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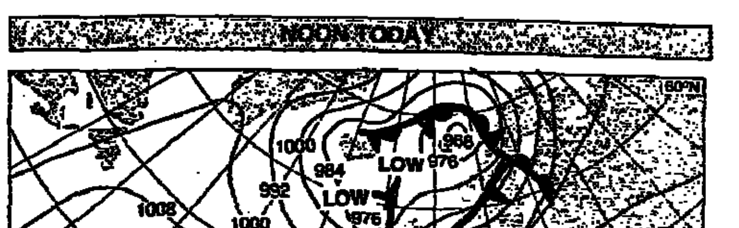

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Governor under fire over Harrods

By Neil Bennett, banking correspondent

THE BANK of England may face a parliamentary motion demanding information on Harrods Bank, after Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Bank Governor, refused to answer questions in front of the Commons' trade and industry select committee.

The committee meets today to discuss what action it can take against the Governor after Mr Leigh-Pemberton refused to answer the questions on Harrods under the confidentiality clause in the Banking Act 1987. Some MPs will press the committee to demand formally to see papers relating to the bank.

If such a demand is rejected, a parliamentary motion demanding that Mr Leigh-Pemberton to hand over information could be made. A continued refusal could lead to the ultimate sanction of the House — imprisonment until the end of the parliamentary session. Alternatively, and more likely, the committee could ask Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, to give evidence on Harrods bank.

During the two-hour committee meeting, Mr Leigh-Pemberton repeatedly rejected demands for information on Harrods and what action the Bank had taken to regulate it. After a heated exchange with Stan Crowther, the Labour MP for Rotherham, he said the Bank's regulation depended on confidentiality.

Mr Leigh-Pemberton said: "I am resisting the questions on this particular institution because of the general principle that it is essential that confidence in the Bank of England should not be compromised. I cannot provide a precedent in this case. Regulation is maintained because people believe information on institutions will remain confidential."

The select committee later sat in private, but Mr Leigh-Pemberton still refused to answer specific questions. He was asked to give evidence because the committee was concerned about the financial control of the Harrods bank, a subsidiary of House of Fraser Holdings.

This follows the publication of the trade department's report on the House of Fraser last year. The report accused the Fayed brothers of lying persistently during their takeover bid for the company six years ago.

The Governor admitted, however, that he had discussed the Bank's action over Harrods bank with the Chancellor last summer and again ten days ago.

Mr Leigh-Pemberton refused to comment on letters he had received from Graham Jones, a former House of Fraser finance director. The letters are being included in the select committee's report, and attract parliamentary privilege.

They allege that Mohamed Al-Fayed, the chairman, "employed pressure and harassment" on management at Harrods bank, and arranged a £2 million deposit from the Sultan of Brunei.

The letters further claim that Mr Al-Fayed tried to arrange a further £100 million deposit from the Sultan, even though this would have breached Bank of England regulations.

Despite Mr Leigh-Pemberton's silence, some committee members said the Governor had hinted that the Bank had taken action against Harrods bank, and that the bank is now appealing.

The Bank has never taken part in an appeal against one of its decisions. In an appeal, a committee would be appointed by the Chancellor, and the case heard in secret.

A bank could then take the case to a judicial review, and even to the House of Lords, although such a hearing would be in public.

Royston Webb, the House of Fraser's legal director, refused to comment on Harrods bank's dealings with the Bank of England or the allegations about deposits.

Mr Webb said the Al-Fayeds were not directors of the Harrods Bank, and had no dealings with it. "Mr Jones is a man to take with a large pinch of salt," he said.

After the meeting, Ken Warren, MP, the committee chairman, said he was satisfied with the Governor's information.

He said: "We learned everything we sought in what was left unsaid. I am happy the Governor has got the position of that bank under his competent constant supervision."

Mr Crowther, however, said: "I don't think for a minute the Governor has taken action. He may have had a quiet word in private, but the Fayeds are still in control of the bank."

Mr Crowther challenged the Governor's interpretation of the Banking Act, saying it did not prevent him from telling Parliament what action he had taken against an institution.

Mr Warren said: "The committee circled like vultures and got all the answers we wanted without the meat."

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Facing MPs' anger: Robin Leigh-Pemberton, who refused to answer their questions about Harrods Bank

Al-Fayed plans 600 redundancies

By Gillian Bowditch

HARRODS, the Knightsbridge, central London, store, is to make up to 600 employees redundant, 15 per cent of its workforce. The redundancies follow 90 job losses last month.

The cuts are a result of falling sales. A spokesman said the lack of foreign visitors to London has been exacerbated by the fact that customers outside the capital are no longer travelling to London to shop. Sales at Harrods have been poor recently and are estimated to be between 20 and 30 per cent below last year.

The job cuts at Harrods, whose chairman is Mohamed Al-Fayed, are a clear indication of how badly the recession is affecting the retail sector. The store should have been one of the best placed to ride out the recession with minimum damage. Its customer base is perceived to be less affected by high interest and mortgage rates than that of other retailers. The Harrods spokesman said the group had notified the employment department of the cuts and was seeking voluntary redundancies and early retirements.

The cuts will come from the selling support areas such as information services and distribution, the spokesman said.

Customers should not notice a difference in the numbers of sales assistants available. The highest level of job to go will be that of buyer, although two Harrods directors were made redundant in the cuts last month.

Sean Galvin, a spokesman for USDAW, the shop workers union, said that Harrods was offering the minimum redundancy payment of one week for every year an employee had worked.

He said he did not expect that there would be a large number of voluntary redundancies. Department managers have been asked to draw up lists of possible redundancies.

Polly sale will cover costs 'for months'

By Matthew Bond

RICHARD Stone, one of the joint administrators to Polly Peck International, said that he was pleased with the £3.5 million raised by yesterday's auction of antique furniture and art.

"The range was £2.8 million to £3.8 million, so the sum realised is at the higher end of our expectations," he said after the five hour auction. The money raised, he said, would cover administration costs for some months.

While the sale proceeds will keep the administration moving forward, they represent a big loss for Polly Peck. In the High Court last year it was disclosed that the contents of Polly Peck's Berkeley Square headquarters had cost about £7 million to assemble.

After a successful High Court application for a second extension, the administrators have until May 25 to come up with a plan for reconstructing Polly Peck. Their plans have been held up by court actions in Turkey and Cyprus, but the first elements are beginning to emerge.

The administrators are planning to package Polly Peck's controversial leisure assets in northern Cyprus and Turkey into one company. A minority stake could then be floated on the Istanbul stock exchange.

The leisure developments in northern Cyprus lie at the heart of Polly Peck problems, having apparently cost the company £228 million in just five months.

A similar exercise is envisaged for the fruit and packaging interests in northern Cyprus and Turkey. Mr Stone said these plans were still at an early stage.

The administrators' task is, however, still blocked by injunctions obtained by Mentez Aziz, a Cypriot lawyer, after the arrest in December of Asil Nadir, Polly Peck chairman. The injunctions have hindered investigations on northern Cyprus in particular. All three injunctions are due to heard again by local courts over the next fortnight.

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Hotels praised

KLEINWORT Benson Securities has said that hotel shares are undervalued. The stockbroker is telling its clients to build up their holdings in stocks like Ladbroke, Queens Moat Houses, Rank Organisation and Trusthouse Forte, on the basis that selling over the past year has been overdone, and that business is not being hit as hard as has been suggested.

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.9525 (-0.0070)
German mark
2.9121 (+0.0023)
Exchange index
94.2 (same)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1838.5 (-4.1)
FT-SE 100
2312.4 (-5.9)
New York Dow Jones
2916.34 (-18.31)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
26166.98 (-63.03)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Tunstall	131p (+11p)
P&P	116½p (+16p)
Ash & Lacy	106½p (+13p)
Proudfoot Alex	323½p (+10p)
M Clark	394p (+10p)
Hardys & Hansons	917½p (+10p)
Harrison Ind.	59½p (+11p)
Meyer Int	432½p (+13p)
Tilbury Group	616p (+11p)
Britannic	689½p (+13p)
Capital Radio	167½p (+10p)
FALLS:	
BTR	365p (-9p)
Hunter Saphir	61p (-17p)
Turriff	62½p (-32p)
A McAlpine	221½p (-16p)
Standard Chartered	262½p (-11p)
H Ansbacher	42½p (-10p)
Barclays	386p (-12p)
Lloyds Abbey	373p (-10p)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 13½%
3-month interbank 13-12$^{15}_{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: 12$^{5}_{16}$-12¼%
US: Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds 6%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.94-5.92%*
30-year bonds 98$^{25}_{32}$-98$^{27}_{32}$*

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London:	New York:
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£: DM2.9121	$: DM1 4925*
£: SwFr2 4958	$: SwFr1 2798*
£: FFr9 9089	$: FFr5 0805*
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Brent (Mar) ...... $17.45 bbl ($17.20)
* Denotes latest trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.56	2.40
Austria Sch	21.40	20.00
Belgium Fr	62.70	58.70
Canada $	2.365	2.215
Denmark Kr	11.69	10.99
Finland Mkk	7.44	6.98
France Fr	10.31	9.68
Germany Dm	3.04	2.84
Greece Dr	331	311
Hong Kong $	15.70	14.90
Ireland Pt	1.14	1.07
Italy Lira	2285	2145
Japan Yen	270.50	254.50
Netherlands Gld	3.42	3.21
Norway Kr	11.87	11.17
Portugal Esc	266.25	250.25
South Africa Rd	5.60	6.00
Spain Pta	189	176
Sweden Kr	11.36	10.68
Switzerland Fr	2.605	2.435
Turkey Lira	6500	5800
USA $	2.04	1.92
Yugoslavia Dnr	35.00	27.00

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Retail Price Index: 130.2 (January)

Yorkshire buys Tyne Tees stake

By Martin Waller

THE first cross-border bid by one independent television contractor for another took a step closer as Yorkshire Television Holdings announced a 19.07 per cent stake in Tyne Tees Television Holdings, its Northeast rival.

The shares were bought from Vaux, the Sunderland brewer, for £5.1 million, or 260p each, 25p below yesterday's closing price. But the 9 million viewers served by the two companies cannot look for an immediate outbreak of hostilities.

Any takeover approach from Yorkshire can only come after the start of next year. Under the regulations covering the industry, redrawn by the government and the Independent Television Commission (ITC), the takeover will have to be a friendly one — at least until 1994, when the TV industry will be thrown open to market forces and hostile bids allowed.

Clive Leach, the Yorkshire managing director, would not rule out an eventual merger. "It's conceivable that if both parties win their franchises back they could, if they wanted to, and with the ITC's blessing, get together early in 1992," he said. Yorkshire indicated previously it might bid for a franchise against Tyne Tees, but a recent change in the rules makes this impossible unless it gives up its existing area. Analysts therefore believe the acquisition of a stake in the Northeast contractor can only presage a full takeover.

Tyne Tees has welcomed the purchase as boosting its chances of regaining the franchise. "Both companies were concerned that some outsider was going to come in with the highest bid while we wasted our time fighting each other," said Peter Moth, controller of public affairs.

The purchase has been cleared by the commission and is the first time one TV franchise-holder has bought a large stake in another.

The ITC, which has chosen to preserve the existing franchise map during this round, would not allow Tyne Tees to disappear as an independent broadcaster, so any eventual link would require the preservation of two separate entities owned by the same holding company. But the two have taken one step closer with an agreement for Yorkshire to sell Tyne Tees' advertising space via its sales subsidiary.

ERM 'to cost 600,000 jobs'

By Colin Narbrough
Economics correspondent

MEMBERSHIP of the European exchange-rate mechanism will cost Britain 600,000 jobs over the next five years, David Kern, chief economist at National Westminster Bank, forecast at a London conference.

He said because of "underlying rigidity" of the British labour market, the discipline imposed by the ERM and a subsequent move to European monetary union will lead to higher unemployment unrelated to the present recession.

The greater the company's ability to keep control of its cost structure, particularly labour costs, the better its chances of containing the price of ERM membership, Mr Kern said. Other countries in the ERM parity grid have experienced persistently higher unemployment rates than Britain.

Mr Kern said the main benefit of ERM membership for Britain will be lower inflation and interest rates. He expects annual inflation to fall from the current 9 per cent and stabilise at about 4 per cent over a few years.

First rise in long-term jobless for five years

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

CLEAR signs of the increasing depth of the recession have come with the first increase for five years in the number of people in the United Kingdom who have been out of work for more than a year.

The first increase in long-term unemployment (LTU) since 1986 suggests that the numbers being put out of work in the current recession are finding it increasingly difficult to find other jobs as the economic downturn bites into companies. Overall unemployment is up almost 270,000, or 16.7 per cent, on a year ago.

Unlike overall unemployment, which is measured each month, the numbers of the long-term unemployed are monitored quarterly. Long-term unemployment is an even slower indicator to move than overall unemployment, but the fact that it is so slow suggests that when a change comes, it may mark a significant shift.

Government figures published yesterday showed that the number out of work for more than a year rose 17,100 to 524,800 in the three months to January, an increase of 3.4 per cent over the quarter. This is the first rise since January 1986, when LTU stood at 1.37 million.

In spite of the current rise, LTU is down 52,800, or 9.1 per cent, on January 1990. However, LTU is now rising in all regions of the United Kingdom, except for Scotland and Northern Ireland.

In these regions, overall unemployment kept going down long after it had started to increase across the UK generally, and even now LTU in these two regions is down by only very small amounts: 0.7 per cent in Scotland and 0.2 per cent in Northern Ireland.

By contrast, long-term unemployment is up 12.8 per cent in East Anglia, 9.7 per cent in the Southwest, 7.4 per cent in the East Midlands and 7 per cent in the Southeast.

Michael Howard, the employment secretary, said that while the increase since October was "regrettable it is not entirely unexpected". He said it was "in line with the interruption in the downward trend in total unemployment".

Overall unemployment rose again last week, the tenth monthly rise in succession, after falling for 45 months.

Mr Howard maintained that the first rise in LTU in five years did not detract from the government's considerable achievements in dealing with the issue.

The Blue Arrow trial

Banker 'wrote of fears in notebook'

By Our City Staff

A MERCHANT banker wrote in his notebook of his concern in case anything was found out about how he and his colleagues had dealt with Blue Arrow's record-breaking £837 million rights issue, a jury was told at the Old Bailey.

David Reed was convinced he and others who took part in the alleged conspiracy would be "dead" if County NatWest was forced to disclose its secret take-up of Blue Arrow shares, according to Nicholas Purnell, QC, prosecuting.

Mr Purnell said Mr Reed, former executive director and managing director of corporate finance at County, wrote in his personal executive notebook that he hoped there would be no leak, as it would lead to "a complete loss of reputation".

Later, in a reference to problems caused by the stock market's Black Monday crash on October 19, 1987, Mr Reed added: "In short, we must hold on and hope for better market circumstances and hope that there will be no leak of our position, otherwise we are dead." Mr Purnell said Mr Reed also noted that if legal advice they had received about their position remained firm "then we are in a position to withstand the onslaught".

Reed: legal advice

The rights issue, in September 1987, was made to enable Blue Arrow, the employment agency, to take over Manpower, the much larger American recruitment company.

Mr Purnell said shortly after the date of the notebook entry, Mr Reed and Stephen Clark, County's group finance director, prepared a written paper setting out what they claimed was their position over the multi-million pound shares take-up by advisers to Blue Arrow who wanted to present the flopped rights issue as a success.

He said the two men claimed that what had been done was "public spirited" — a phrase which became a "refrain" for several of the defendants. Mr Purnell said that, in other words, Mr Reed and Mr Clark were saying it was far from being a dishonest venture and was done in the interests of Blue Arrow shareholders.

He claimed that, as a result of what the conspirators did, people who wanted to become Blue Arrow shareholders were faced with having to pay much more for their shares.

Mr Purnell said the end of November 1987 represented a "critical stage in the life of the conspiracy". He said it had suffered a series of body blows, one being the discovery of a million Blue Arrow shares held by a Swiss banking subsidiary of NatWest Investment Bank.

The prosecution was continuing its opening statement on the seventh day of the trial, in which County NatWest, its parent County NatWest Investment Bank, UBS Phillips & Drew Securities and seven professional advisers deny conspiring to mislead the market over the outcome of the rights issue.

In addition to Mr Reed and Mr Clark, the individual defendants are Jonathan Cohen, chief executive of County NatWest and deputy chief executive with NatWest Investment Bank at the time of the issue; Nicholas Wells, former County executive director and a former member of its corporate advisory department; Alan Keat, a partner in Travers Smith Braithwaite, the solicitor, who advised County on the rights issue; Martin Gibbs, former director of UBS Phillips & Drew and Christopher Stainforth, former director of UBS Phillips & Drew corporate finance.

The trial continues.

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UK seeks policy disclosure

By Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

BRITAIN wants insurance policies to specify whether they are backed by a compensation fund after a free market in insurance is established in the European Community.

John Redwood, corporate affairs minister, wants disclosure of compensation arrangements, in the event of default, in the country in which the insurance company issuing the policy is based.

Under the draft third EC directive on non-life insurance, any insurance company authorised in the member state where it has its head office would be free to sell policies to the public in all other member states. The home country would be responsible for regulating business done by an authorised company in other member states. Governments would no longer have powers over branches or subsidiaries of companies authorised in another member state.

● David Coleridge, chairman of Lloyd's, said the insurance market should benefit from deregulation across Europe because it could offer more flexible and innovative insurance products.

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BA confirms new airline plan to fight Lufthansa

By Wolfgang Münchau, European Business Correspondent

BRITISH Airways has confirmed it is talking to the German transport ministry to establish a German domestic airline to compete with Lufthansa, the state airline.

The British airline will be the leading participant in the new company with effective operating control through a 49 per cent stake.

The venture will also include Commerzbank, Bayerische Vereinsbank and Berliner Bank, all German.

The transport ministry has indicated that the application is likely to be approved. This depends on the company being majority owned in Germany, and proof of a sound financial basis, but the link is understood to fulfil both demands. The talks with the ministry began last week.

A British Airways official said yesterday: "It is true we have filed an application with the transport ministry and also an application for an air operating certificate."

British Airways declined to give further details.

The deal is an attempt by the airline to regain its profitable Berlin flights.

Because of the post-war status of Berlin, British Airways and two other airlines had exclusive rights to fly to and from West Berlin.

With unification, Lufthansa became the strongest operator in and out of Berlin after buying out Pan Am's Berlin slots last year.

Lufthansa's position was expected to strengthen further from April 1, when British Airways is forced to cut its Berlin routes by 20 per cent.

Although the talks with the banks and the transport ministry are not completed, it is hoped the new airline will operate from April. It is not certain yet whether British Airways will be allowed to fly other non-Berlin domestic routes.

The British Airways move into the German market is likely to upset Lufthansa, which has an effective monopoly inside the country.

The monopoly was challenged for a short period when German Wings, a prestige private airline, began to operate domestic flights. But the company closed last year because of financial difficulties.

Lufthansa and British Airways were also interested at various stages in buying Interflug, the former East German state airline. Two weeks ago Interflug was put into liquidation amid mounting losses.

Transport officials in Bonn and the Bundeskartellamt in Berlin were concerned that the situation left Lufthansa as an effective monopoly in the unified Germany.

There is now a growing body of opinion within Germany which believes that the Lufthansa monopoly is no longer tenable, particularly in the light of attempts by the European Commission in Brussels to liberalise the airline market.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Allo Lyons	460	67	73	84	4½	11	15
(*509)	500	32	44	56	13	24	28
	550	9	21	33	43	52	55
ASDA	110	23	27	25	1½	2½	4
(*128)	120	14½	20	22	3	5	7
	130	7	13½	16	7	8½	11
Bass	950	77	105	130	18	28	35
(*988)	1000	45	74	93	35	50	54
	1050	24	50	72	65	78	80
Boots	300	52	58	63	2	5½	7
(*340)	330	28	35	43	7	14	16
	360	9½	18	27	21	28	30
Br Airways	130	29	31	32	2	5	7
(*152)	140	20	22	25	4	8	10
	160	8	11	16	13	19	21
BP	280	41	47	54	2½	6	8
(*318)	300	24	33	39	7	12	14
	330	7½	17	23	22	25	28
Br Steel	110	22½	24½	25	1	2½	4
(*128)	120	13	16½	17½	2½	5	7
	130	6½	10	10½	6½	10	11
C & W	460	77	84	102	5	11	16
(*515)	500	44	55	75	14	23	28
	550	16	32	48	40	47	50
CU	460	60	70	78	5½	10	14
(*515)	500	26	42	53	19	24	29
	550	6	18	26	55	57	60
Courtauld	330	50	55	68	3½	7	10
(*362)	360	27	34	46	10	18	20
	390	11	-	-	27	-	-
GKN	330	35	43	48	11	16	22
(*362)	360	14	28	32	25	29	34
	390	6	-	-	50	-	-
Grand Met	650	108	128	140	3½	11	13
(*733)	700	67	89	105	12	21	26
	750	31	57	77	32	41	45
ICI	950	92	117	130	19	33	43
(*1028)	1000	50	80	100	40	52	65
	1050	25	-	-	72	-	-
Kingfisher	360	54	60	69	4	10	13
(*398)	390	32	41	51	10½	20	23
	420	15	25	35	26	34	38
Ladbroke	240	36	42	50	4	10	13
(*266)	260	24	29	37	11	20	21
	280	10	18	-	21	29	-
Land Sec	500	67	75	83	3	8½	11
(*550)	550	28	40	50	14	26	29
	600	8	17	25	50	55	58
M & S	220	24	28	35	3	8½	10
(*235)	240	11	17	24	12	17	20
	260	4	9	-	26	29	-
Sainsbury	300	43	48	58	2½	6½	8
(*329)	330	22	27	39	9	16	18
	360	7	14	23	30	33	35
Shell	420	47	60	67	7	10	15
(*467)	460	17	37	42	22	23	30
	500	5	17	-	53	55	-
Smkl Beech	600	93	110	127	4	11	15
(*681)	650	53	75	93	14	24	30
	700	24	47	65	37	47	52
Storehse	100	15	19	21	3½	6	7
(*110)	110	9	15	16	7	10	12
	120	5	9	12	13	16	17
Trafalgar	200	47	47	57	4½	9½	13
(*236)	220	30	35	45	8½	18	20
	240	18	24	35	18	27	30
Ultramar	280	45	53	60	3	6	8½
(*319)	300	28	38	45	9	12	15
	330	13	25	30	22	27	30
Unilever	600	152	155	-	2½	4	-
(*738)	650	104	112	132	5	11	13
	700	60	79	95	16	25	28
	750	25	45	65	40	45	50
Utd Bisc	300	73	75	82	1	2	4
(*366)	330	43	47	57	3	6	6
	360	19	27	36	13	17	18

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAA	330	60	72	78	1	4	8
(*392)	360	30	48	55	1	8	15
	390	3½	30	38	7	18	27
BAT Ind	550	128	132	139	1	4	10
(*669)	600	78	85	98	1½	11	20
	650	28	53	65	3	25	40
	700	1	25	42	30	50	68
BTR	330	50	53	62	1	6	9
(*369)	360	20	30	40	2	14	18
	390	1	15	27	16	28	32
Br Aero	500	55	62	79	1	14	20
(*549)	550	8	32	50	8	35	41
	600	½	14	30	57	68	75
Br Telecm	280	21	35	42	½	5½	9
(*301)	300	3½	22	28	2½	12	15
	330	½	-	-	30	-	-
Cadbury	300	65	70	79	1	2	4
(*360)	330	33	43	55	1	6	10
	360	7	19	34	3	17	21
Guinness	750	55	76	101	1½	15	25
(*801)	800	9	45	71	8	37	46
	850	1	22	46	50	65	73
GEC	180	27	35	36	½	2½	5
(*205)	200	7	18	21	1	7	11
	220	½	-	-	15	-	-
Hanson	180	35	43	44	½	2	3
(*215)	200	15	25	29	¼	4	7
	220	1	12½	17	7	12	14
LASMO	330	23	35	47	2	13	15
(*357)	360	3	19	32	13	27	30
	390	1½	11	19	42	47	50
P & O	500	72	78	83	1	8	14
(*568)	550	22	40	50	2	24	32
	600	2½	14	-	33	55	-
Pilkington	160	29	35	37	1¼	4	7½
(*186)	180	8	20	24	1½	8	15
	200	1¼	10½	15	15	20	25

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Prudential	200	22	25	30	1	5½	8½
(*219)	220	3	11	19	3	13	17
	240	1	-	-	21	-	-
Racal	160	35	43	46	½	2½	4
(*193)	180	14	27	33	½	6½	10
	200	1½	14	21	7	15	19
RTZ	460	49	57	72	1	14	20
(*501)	500	11	32	47	4	30	37
	550	1	14	-	46	64	-
Scot New	330	70	73	78	1	3	6
(*386)	360	30	47	55	1½	7½	13
	390	4	27	35	4	18	24
Tesco	214	30	35	38	1	3½	4
(*240)	233	11	18	26	2	7	8½
	253	1	8	15	14	18	20
Thames W	280	18	32	36	1½	6	14
(*298)	300	3	19	24	5	14	21
	330	1	7	10	35	35	40
Water Pk	2300	685	-	-	10	-	-
(*£2948)	2350	635	-	-	10	-	-
	2400	585	-	-	10	-	-
Lucas	130	26	30	34	1	3½	5½
(*156)	140	16	20	28	1	5	8
	160	1½	9½	15	7	13	18

	Series	Feb	Apr	Jul	Feb	Apr	Jul
Fisons	360	65	70	83	½	2	5
(*422)	390	35	42	60	1	7	10
	420	8	21	38	5	16	20

	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Abbey Nat	220	34	36	41	2	3½	5
(*252)	240	16	22	28	5	9½	12
	260	5	12	17	19	20	22
Amstrad	60	11	13½	17½	1½	4	6
(*70)	70	3½	7½	11½	4½	8	10
	80	1½	-	-	12½	-	-
Barclays	360	32	37	45	9	16	21
(*386)	390	10	22	28	26	32	37
	420	3	10	16	50	52	58
Blue Circ	220	39	44	48	2½	6½	9
(*253)	240	23	29	36	5	12	17
	260	9	16	25	13	23	26
Br Gas	220	22	31	35	2	4½	7½
(*237)	240	8½	18	20	7½	12	17
	260	2½	8	11	24	24	29
Dixons	140	29	37	37	1½	4	5
(*165)	160	12	21	24	6	9	12
	180	3	11	15	18	19	21
Glaxo	900	84	117	149	9	22	31
(*972)	950	42	-	114	26	-	50
	1000	19	-	84	52	-	74
Hawker	460	68	78	88	6	16	22
(*510)	500	38	50	63	16	32	38
	550	12	-	-	40	-	-
Hillsdown	180	35	40	44	4	9	12
(*206)	200	19	26	34	7	16	20
	220	8	17	24	20	27	32
Lonrho	180	38	46	48	1½	3½	5
(*213)	200	20	29	33	3	7	12
	220	8	18	22	12	15	19
Midland	140	39	40	40	1½	4	8
(*174)	160	20	24	28	6½	11	15
	180	9	14	19	20	24	27
	200	4	7	11	39	40	42
Reuter	700	102	-	150	9	-	37
(*792)	750	55	-	120	23	-	55
	800	30	-	97	47	-	78
R-Royce	140	21	22	25	2½	5	7
(*155)	160	6½	10	14	9	15	17
	180	1½	3½	9	26	30	31
Sears	80	15	16	18	1	4	4½
(*93)	90	6	9½	11	3	7	9
	100	2	-	-	9	-	-
THF	240	23	28	35	3½	9	13
(*256)	260	8½	17	24	10½	19	24
	280	3½	8½	-	26	32	-
Thorn EMI	550	130	150	-	2	3	-
(*664)	600	82	102	106	3	8	16
	650	37	67	70	11	21	32
	700	13	35	41	37	42	58
TSB	130	20	26	28	1	3	4½
(*149)	140	12	18	20	3	6	7½
	160	2½	7½	10	15	16	17
Vaal Reefs	50	8	11	13	4	6	8
(*552)	60	3½	6½	8½	10	11	14
Wellcome	460	60	82	99	6	15	20
(*506)	500	30	55	72	17	29	34
	550	10	32	45	47	55	60

	Series	Mar	May	Aug	Mar	May	Aug
Eastrn Elec	140	34	38	41	1	2½	3½
(*170)	160	16	23	25	2½	6	11
	180	5	11	13	12	15	22
Sthrn Elec	140	41	44	-	1½	2½	-
(*178)	160	22	27	-	2½	4½	-
	180	8½	14	-	9	11	-
Elec Pack	1800	140	190	-	35	50	-
(*£1850)	1850	110	160	-	50	70	-
	1900	80	130	-	80	90	-

FT-SE INDEX (*£2313)

	2150	2200	2250	2300	2350	2400
Calls						
Feb	180	130	79	41	16	5
Mar	202	158	118	85	53	32
Apr	230	182	153	112	88	62
May	238	198	170	126	101	77
Jun	—	212	—	150	—	87
Puts						
Feb	2	3	7	18	45	81
Mar	9	15	25	41	62	95
Apr	18	25	37	55	72	102
May	24	33	43	62	84	115
Jun	—	45	—	77	—	125

February 19, 1991 Total: 25792 Calls 17654 Puts 8138 FT-SE. Calls 3308 Puts 1731
*Underlying security price.

Finishing touch: David Jones, Next chief executive

Next due to reveal Grattan sale details

By Gillian Bowditch

NEXT, the ailing fashion retailer, is putting the final touches to the document detailing the sale of Grattan, its mail order business, to Otto-Versand, of Germany, for £140 million. The document is due out this week.

David Jones, Next chief executive, flew back from Germany for yesterday's board meeting. Shareholders will vote on the sale at an extraordinary meeting, which is likely to be held within 21 days of the document's publication.

Britain's other mail order groups are likely to scrutinise the document, none more so than Sears, the retail group that owns the Freemans mail order business. Sears is thought to have bid £130 million for Grattan, and analysts believe the group may be considering re-entering the fray with an offer for either Grattan or the whole of Next.

Sears has been raising money from property sales and has low gearing, which would allow it to make a sizeable acquisition. If the group were to acquire Grattan and merge it with Freemans, some rationalisation would be necessary.

Sears is also believed to have been looking at Littlewoods' mail order business, which is for sale.

Potential bidders for Next are concerned about the unknown quantity of bad debts at Club 24, Next's financial services business.

The group has said it will make a "substantial provision" against its investment in Club 24.

Saatchi rescue expected

THE long-awaited rescue refinancing from Saatchi & Saatchi is now expected to be revealed today, featuring a £50 million, underwritten rights issue at a deep discount to the current share price and a swap package, giving holders of convertibles and other preference shares more than 80 per cent of the enlarged equity.

The details had been expected to appear yesterday. Saatchi shares edged ahead a penny to 26p yesterday.

Saphir talks off

Shares in Hunter Saphir tumbled from 77p to 53p before recovering to 61p after the food manufacturer and fresh produce distributor called off talks which may have led to an offer for the company.

Tate purchase

Tate & Lyle is buying a 30 per cent stake in Hajdusagi Cukorgyar, a Hungarian beet sugar producer in Kaba, about 150 miles east of Budapest, for £10 million.

German states told to cut spending

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

THE Bundesbank, concerned about burgeoning public sector debt and inflationary pressures, has issued a strong warning to Germany's local authorities and regional governments to curb their spending plans.

If the local authorities and Länder stick to their present borrowing plans for this year, the public sector deficit could reach around DM155 billion, overshooting the DM140 billion target, the Bundesbank said in its latest monthly report.

A bigger deficit would be "problematic" for a stability-oriented policy and demand too much of monetary policy, it said.

Coalition partners hold a key meeting tomorrow at which tax increases will be thrashed out. Government sources have variously indicated that oil, income and value-added taxes will be increased in a supplementary budget to be agreed in the spring, not in the 1991 budget draft due for coalition approval today.

The Bundesbank restated its preference for curbing the public sector deficit by cutting borrowing rather than boosting revenue.

Although Germany is showing signs of cooling, the Bundesbank said the gross national product rose 0.5 per cent between the third and fourth quarters of 1990, giving year-on-year growth of 5 per cent, as the strong unified German market offset weakening foreign demand.

In voicing concern about monetary growth, the Bundesbank was "sticking to its guns" about inflation and making the case for high interest rates, said Anthony Thomas, European economist at Kleinwort Benson Securities. But he expects some monetary easing in the second half of this year.

● In France, industrial production fell a seasonally adjusted 1.4 per cent in December, after a revised November fall of 2.0 per cent.

Smaller firms 'to step up exports'

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

ALMOST a third of smaller exporters plan to increase overseas sales in the wake of entry to the exchange-rate mechanism.

But almost half the respondents to the second Barclays *Quarterly Survey of Exporters* had taken no action despite the prospect of more stable exchange rates.

In its commentary on the survey, conducted shortly after entry to the ERM last October, the bank said firms had had little time to appraise the implications of entry. However, almost 19 per cent also indicated plans to quote for export sales in foreign currencies or the European currency unit.

Only 10.5 per cent included a reference to the need to control cost escalation, seen by many commentators as a key to remaining competition against European rivals.

The survey indicates that firms with established export markets have already begun to step up overseas sales to compensate for weaker domestic markets. Among the 2,403 exporters surveyed, the ratio of sales overseas rose from 37.9 per cent in June-July 1990 to 40.7 per cent in November-December.

But the rate of increase in exports has slowed. Only 29.6 per cent of firms reported an increase in exports during the latest quarter, against 36.9 per cent during the previous quarter. Smaller firms are relatively more optimistic about export prospects.

The level of entry to the ERM appears to pose a problem for some exporters. Concern over exchange rates was expressed by 42.5 per cent of firms in the latest quarter, against 28.3 per cent during the summer. These have displaced difficulties with overseas distributors or agents as the largest source of worry among exporters.

Problems with payments and bad debts remain a matter of concern. John Hollows, of Barclays Bank International's trade services department, said this showed banks needed to do more to meet the needs of exporters.

The survey confirmed that smaller and younger firms tend to export a higher proportion of their output. The highest export ratios were recorded by firms in Northern Ireland, Scotland, the Southeast and Southwest of England and East Anglia.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Ultramar buys N Sea stake from Amoco

ULTRAMAR is buying an 8.63 per cent interest in the Hutton oilfield in the North Sea from Amoco. Ultramar has been frustrated, however, in its attempt to build a larger stake after Mobil Oil decided to retain its 6.7 per cent interest, which had been up for sale. The combined Amoco and Mobil interests were valued by energy analysts at about $70 million, suggesting Amoco had asked for about $39 million. Ultramar, however, is believed to have paid considerably less, although no price details were given.

Interest in Hutton, which is operated by Conoco, was low because production from the field is in decline, with only 90 million barrels left from 211 million. The field offers limited petroleum revenue tax shelter, although Ultramar expects some corporation tax benefit. The field boasts a reusable tension-leg platform, the first to be used in the North Sea, which is valued at about $100 million.

Yelverton NAV falls

THE net asset value at Yelverton Investments, the Unlisted Securities Market-quoted investment trust which recently agreed to acquire Hillsdown Holdings' ice cream division, stood at 44p (53p) at end-October. Pre-tax profits increased to £903,000 (£401,000) in the year, on income of £1.39 million (£796,000). Earnings per share rise to 5.2p (2.4p). The final dividend is raised to 1.25p (1p).

S-E Banken slumps 25%

SKANDINAVISKA Enskilda Banken, Sweden's leading bank, suffered a 25 per cent fall in operating profits last year to SKr3.31 billion (£301 million) as loan losses soared 158 per cent to SKr1.42 billion. S-E Banken put aside SKr500 million in general provisions and SKr200 million for foreign bad debts. The bank is increasing its dividend by 10 per cent to SKr3.3 for A and C shares and 7 per cent for B shares.

Scottish payout rises

SCOTTISH Eastern Investment Trust, the international investment trust managed by Martin Currie, reports an 18.1 per cent decline in net asset value to 56.5p (69p) at end-January, although it has maintained its progressive dividend policy. The company said that the fall in net asset value reflects a "difficult year for world stock markets".

Pre-tax revenue advanced to £12.7 million (£10.9 million). Gross revenue increased to £20.3 million (£18.3 million). Earnings per share rise to 1.41p (1.22p). Shareholders will receive a final dividend of 0.92p, making 1.35p (1.17p) for the year, increasing the total dividend by 15.4 per cent.

Throgmorton trust slides

THE net asset value at Throgmorton Dual Trust fell to 584p (753.8p) per capital share at end-January, and to 27.4p (37.6p) per income share. Pre-tax profits slipped from £1.23 million to £1.13 million in the six months to January. Earnings per share were 3.67p (4.15p). The second quarter dividend is 1.75p, making a total of 3.5p (2.75p) for the six month period.

Egerton says loss expected

EGERTON Trust, the property group, expects to report a loss for the second half of the year to end-December. The company returned profits of £889,000 (£9.64 million) in the first half and passed the interim dividend for ordinary and preference shares. The statement was requested by the International Stock Exchange after Egerton shares rose from 5½p to 12½p over two days.

BDDP bid extended

THE £500,000 rescue bid for Broad Street Group, the public relations business, from BDDP, the French advertising agency, has attracted acceptances for almost 49 per cent of the shares, in addition to the near 39 per cent BDDP already owns. The French have therefore not been able to declare the offer unconditional by the first closing date (yesterday) and it is extended to March 4.

Should the offer go unconditional, Broad Street's listing may be withdrawn by the Stock Exchange. BDDP has given a warning to outstanding shareholders to accept or face being diluted minority shareholders in an unquoted company.

Chairman leaves Amber Day

By Our City Staff

AMBER Day Holdings, the clothing retailer which owns Woodhouse, Review and What Everyone Wants (WEW), has parted company with the original owners of WEW.

Vera and Gerald Weisfeld's 15 per cent stake in Amber Day has been placed through Samuel Montagu with four institutions at 68p a share. Mr Weisfeld resigned as WEW's chairman due to "major policy changes". The Weisfelds sold the business for £46.7 million last May and received a £100,000 settlement.

For the six months to January 27, the board does not expect to announce pre-tax profits of less than £4.5 million and an increase in the interim dividend of not less than 25 per cent is planned.

Philip Green, Amber Day's chairman, said that while the Weisfelds were keen to promote turnover growth, he was looking towards profits, sweating assets and keeping costs low.

WORLD MARKET INDICES

Index	Value	Daily ch'ge (£)	Yearly ch'ge (£)	Daily ch'ge (lc)*	Yearly ch'ge (lc)*	Daily ch'ge (US$)	Yearly ch'ge (US$)
The World	640.6	0.0	11.6	0.2	11.8	−0.3	13.2
(free)	122.4	0.0	11.6	0.1	11.6	−0.3	13.2
EAFE	1107.5	0.0	12.9	0.2	11.8	−0.3	14.5
(free)	113.8	0.0	12.8	0.1	11.6	−0.3	14.4
Europe	657.5	0.4	10.5	0.4	10.8	0.1	12.0
(free)	142.0	0.3	10.2	0.1	10.3	0.0	11.8
Nth America	462.1	−0.1	9.7	−0.4	11.2	−0.4	11.2
Nordic	1224.9	1.0	12.6	1.1	13.0	0.7	14.3
(free)	200.4	1.0	12.0	1.1	12.4	0.7	13.6
Pacific	2478.3	−0.2	14.9	0.1	12.7	−0.5	16.5
Far East	3596.1	−0.2	15.0	0.1	12.8	−0.5	16.7
Australia	254.7	0.2	10.9	0.0	10.1	−0.1	12.5
Austria	1479.3	3.4	13.1	3.5	14.1	3.1	14.7
Belgium	773.4	−0.1	9.5	0.0	9.9	−0.3	11.1
Canada	453.0	−0.1	6.5	−0.2	7.5	−0.4	8.1
Denmark	1228.8	1.2	13.9	1.4	14.4	0.9	15.5
Finland	65.8	0.7	2.3	0.8	3.3	0.4	3.7
(free)	97.0	1.2	12.8	1.3	13.9	0.9	14.4
France	632.3	0.3	10.3	0.3	11.0	0.0	11.9
Germany	764.5	2.1	11.6	2.1	12.4	1.8	13.2
Hong Kong	2183.5	−0.1	13.5	−0.4	15.0	−0.4	15.1
Italy	283.6	0.0	11.1	0.0	11.5	−0.3	12.7
Japan	3775.7	−0.3	15.1	0.1	12.7	−0.6	16.8
Netherlands	781.8	0.7	5.9	0.7	6.6	0.4	7.4
New Zealand	60.0	−1.2	16.5	−1.5	14.6	−1.5	18.2
Norway	1132.4	0.2	1.7	0.4	1.9	0.0	3.1
(free)	198.8	0.4	2.3	0.6	2.5	0.1	3.7
Sing/Malay	1630.5	0.7	12.5	0.7	12.8	0.4	14.1
Spain	195.8	0.9	19.3	0.9	17.4	0.6	21.0
Sweden	1342.4	1.2	17.9	1.3	18.1	0.9	19.6
(free)	190.9	1.0	15.0	1.1	15.2	0.7	16.7
Switzerland	797.4	−0.8	13.1	−0.7	14.4	−1.1	14.7
(free)	119.9	−1.0	11.6	−0.9	12.9	−1.3	13.2
UK	696.2	−0.3	8.9	−0.3	8.9	−0.6	10.5
USA	419.4	−0.1	9.9	−0.4	11.5	−0.4	11.5

(lc)* Local currency. Source: Morgan Stanley Capital International.

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No glory for the silent Governor

COMMENT

Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank of England, is by no means the first to ruffle the feathers of a parliamentary select committee. At least he turned up yesterday before the trade and industry committee, whereas many ministers have in the past few years refused even that courtesy.

On a narrow perspective, the Governor was perfectly correct in refusing to divulge information that may in his judgement be commercially sensitive to Harrods Bank. Indeed he is required under banking legislation to so act.

The Bank's role as regulator makes it the necessary custodian of much detailed information concerning a bank's liquidity, solvency and risk profile. If the information gathered in the process could be aired publicly on a simple request from a select committee, it would be impossible to carry out statutory regulatory duties. Having been denied a brief moment of glory, the back-benchers who make up the committee were hardly likely to see things that way.

Yesterday's events were hardly glorious for the Bank either. Refusal to discuss the affairs of the Harrods Bank begs the question underlying the committee's interest in an institution that is otherwise scarcely significant.

Since 1988, when the Bank first received the scathing inspectors' report on the takeover of Harrods and its parent House of Fraser, the question of ownership and control by the Fayed brothers have become matters of public interest. The report found among other damaging assertions that the Fayeds had dishonestly misrepresented their wealth and origins.

The Bank of England declines to say whether it has or will take action over the report. It is not clear why not. This limp attitude does nothing to restore the Bank's standing after the much more damaging local authority swaps debacle which has left *bona fide* participants in a market regulated by the Bank, many millions of pounds out of pocket. Abroad, London's reputation as a financial centre has suffered. So has the Bank's. It can ill afford further damage.

Unfair delay

The European Community's draft third non-life insurance directive is not the stuff to excite passions, at least in Britain, but is worthy of note for one particular reason. Unlike so many other measures emanating from Brussels, even in financial services, this is based on British free-market thinking and is causing anguish on the Continent.

If agreed, it will bring in single country authorisation for insurance companies and sweep away most national restrictions on the terms and prices of insurance. Hitherto, movement towards a single market in insurance has been restricted to commercial risks and national control of insurance sold to the public has been maintained.

Apart from the Dutch and Irish, most other members states are likely to cavil at some of the draft directive's provisions. Judging from the recent impasse over the investment services and capital adequacy directives, wrangling could drag on indefinitely, unless the basic principles are compromised. Even if a directive were agreed by the end of the year, its promoters might have to concede transitional arrangements lasting years, instead of being able to start a proper free market at the beginning of 1993.

Delay would not matter much for British consumers, who already enjoy the freest insurance market in Europe, but would be bad news for the British insurance industry. Continental companies, long players in the British market, are making great efforts to build up their business here while British companies, though plentiful in The Netherlands and France, find great difficulty making much headway in other important member states, such as Germany and Spain.

While London remains the centre if the international commercial insurance market, British companies will also be at a disadvantage in the wave of transnational mergers expected in the industry over the next three years.

Competitive markets, as well as problems in America, have brought sharply rising underwriting losses unprotected by local monopoly or state backing. The level playing field needs to come while British companies can still field a full team.

Doublespeak

Sam Skinner, the US transportation secretary was in robust form defending the policy blocking foreign airlines from control of domestic US carriers. Does Uncle Sam speak with forked tongue these days? The rest of us can be excused if we feel confused. On one hand, America is playing its free trade card for all it is worth in the Gatt talks and pressing for a wholesale dismantling of Europe's common agricultural policy. On the other, it argues for retention of an ultra-protectionist policy towards its own airlines.

The charitable explanation is that America is retaining the barriers as bargaining counters to be used when the bilateral agreements between it and EC members are replaced by an agreement with Europe as a whole. Meanwhile, Mr Skinner's pleas for wider access to Heathrow by US carriers should fall on deaf ears.

Time is short as Dunkel aims to save trade talks

Seeking end to feud: Arthur Dunkel, Gatt director-general

AMERICA and the European Community will be asked once again today to forget their differences over agriculture subsidies in order to save the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) world trade talks from imminent collapse.

Arthur Dunkel, the Gatt secretary general, will seek to persuade negotiators in Geneva to shelve their farm feud temporarily, and to concentrate on liberalising other trade sectors, including textiles, services, and copyright rules.

This, he hopes, will convince the 100 or so nations in the Gatt that the world's most ambitious free trade régime is not worth losing over agriculture.

Mr Dunkel does not have time on his side. He has until March 1, the expiry date of special "fast track" rules forbidding the American Congress from delaying a world trade deal interminably by amending it.

Washington is playing a silent but powerful hand, hinting at its willingness to renew the "fast track" mechanism for up to two years, but only if the Community shows a genuine commitment to agricultural reform.

The European Commission has reassured the Americans by proposing deep reforms to its Common Agricultural Policy, but on terms that EC governments and farmers find unacceptable, often for conflicting reasons.

John Gummer, the agriculture secretary, believes Britain's commercial farms will be penalised for their efficiency under the Cap reforms. The National Farmers' Union agrees.

Ray MacSharry, Europe's beleaguered but resilient farm commissioner, tried to paper over the ministers' disagreements and restore America's faith by removing the details from his reform package. This merely aroused greater suspicion among the ministers.

Today, he will seek support from his fellow commissioners for deep cuts in European farm prices for the coming harvest.

This could prove a useful lever for the Gatt talks: by slashing prices, Mr MacSharry could remind America of his commitment to farm reform and bring Washington back to the negotiating table in Geneva.

At the same time, he could convince Europe's suspicious farmers that he is acting to cut food mountains and overspending rather than bowing to American pressure. But the full backing of the Brussels commission is far from assured.

Little of substance has changed since Europe and America, the latter backed by the 14 farm exporting nations of the Cairns group, fell out in December on how far and how fast to reduce subsidies paid to farmers.

Washington still wants 75 per cent cuts, rising to 90 per cent for export subsidies. Brussels refuses to offer more than 30 per cent reductions across the board.

A glimmer of hope was rapidly extinguished last week when Washington and Brussels failed to resolve their dispute bilaterally.

The commission refused to negotiate specific cuts in subsidies paid for exports and domestic farm sales and in barriers to imports from outside the Community.

Brussels is now even accused of backtracking, after it emerged that some of the EC's more liberal-minded commissioners, among them Sir Leon Brittan, had spoken out in favour of specific cuts during and after the December talks in Brussels.

Reassuring talk of reviving the Uruguay round can be heard in several key capitals, including Brussels and Washington. However, trade officials in Geneva see little hope of substantive progress for at least three months.

With just ten days to go before President Bush decides whether to ask Congress for a stay of execution, the only thing keeping the Gatt alive appears to be a growing fear of the disastrous alternatives.

PETER GUILFORD
Brussels

KB checks into hotels alone

TEMPUS

NOBODY ever lost his shirt by buying a good investment too soon, but it was difficult to prevent the eyebrow lifting a shade on learning that Kleinwort Benson Securities is encouraging its institutional clients to believe there is no time like the present for investing in hotels.

After all, who has not heard of a recent visitor to London claiming to have been offered his pick of hotel rooms at a fraction of the normal tariff?

But then, you know travellers' tales. Paul Slattery and Simon Johnson, Kleinwort's hotels analysts, believe the gloom has been overdone, and promise evidence today in the January figures showing a 10 per cent drop in demand in January. This would be a considerable improvement on some estimates. What seems undeniable is that the sector underperformed the market by 15.6 per cent in 1991 and that to date this year it has lost ground by a further 7.4 per cent. Share prices underperformed earnings, discounting the trading problems being encountered this year, which anyway will be partly offset by the industry's high, 37 per cent, foreign contribution, they say.

They see British hotel trading profits dropping by 11.7 per cent in 1991, to £565 million, but recovering to a 19.5 per cent rise next year at £675 million, followed by 12.6 per cent more in 1993. Hotel demand will recover strongly as the next economic cycle emerges, they add.

No doubt it will, but while Saddam Hussein remains in Kuwait and America and Britain in recession, Messrs Slattery and Johnson will find few supporters among their peers, who, while sharing KB's views on future profitability, still append "sell", or at best, "hold" labels to the shares.

To be fair, the KB team suggests no more than that clients should move "progressively" into the shares over the coming months, and identifies Ladbroke, Queens Moat Houses, Rank Organisation and Trusthouse Forte as the earliest beneficiaries. Only Queens Moat, on a 1991 prospective p/e of 10.3, at 91p, finds anything like similar support elsewhere.

BET

THE jury is still out on BET, which is trying to limit the damage to its City reputation and convince the market that it has not lost its way.

Until the City sees the colour of the eyes of the person who will replace Nicholas Wills, the chief executive who takes over the chair from Sir Timothy Bevan, and unless the market is satisfied that the new incumbent is not a "yes" person, BET's restoration to near its former glory is going to be long and slow.

On February 1, the BET share price fell from 135p to 65p, before closing the day at 100p. The group must now address the question of debt, which has elevated gearing to a worrying 90 per cent. The proposed sale of Biffa, the waste management division, for between £100 million and £200 million, depending on how much BET is prepared to see go, would be of real and pyschological help. While details are woolly, it looks as if the group believes it can save £20 million in organisational and staff costs.

Little can save the current financial year, ending next month, from producing a depressing result. After 1990 pre-tax profits of £322.3 million, the market is braced for about £225 million this time, indicating a fall in net earnings a share from 28.5p to 18.9p, and a p/e multiple of 6.9. Interest cover will suffer, but should still emerge at about 3.7 times.

BET is expected to survive, and it may be that the current share price of 131p on a year's view will prove to have been cheap. The 13.2 per cent yield, however, argues differently, although those closest to the company remain convinced that the dividend will be held at 13p for the year.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Gerrard enters a new cycle

PETER Gerrard, senior partner of Lovell White Durrant, the law firm, is taking on a challenge at an age when many of his contemporaries are planning their retirement. From May, he becomes general counsel to the International Stock Exchange, the first position of its kind and one seen as critical to the exchange's direction. "I am ready for something new," says Gerrard, aged 60, who joined the firm in 1955 and became senior partner in 1980. "The exchange faces a lot of legal issues, including what it does and its relationship with the Bank of England and others, and I have been made chief legal adviser." His career aside, Gerrard is often seen cycling from his home in Islington to Lovell's Holborn Viaduct offices on a Moulton bicycle which, he points out, has independent front and rear suspension. "I was once stopped by the secretary of the Moulton Bicycle Club who invited me to a rally in Hyde Park, but I declined," he adds. All eyes at Lovell are now on Cavan Taylor, former deputy senior partner, who takes over from Gerrard in May.

Abel for drinks

ONE of the Soviet Union's leading economists, Dr Abel Aganbegyan, stopped in London *en route* to Moscow after a tour of Western Europe. A drink with the Thatchers was one of the highlights of his visit, arranged through his work with Bain & Company, the management consultant. Dr Aganbegyan, an economic adviser to President Gorbachev, visited the Thatchers on Sunday. "I visited her at Downing Street when she was prime minister, and we have always got on well," he said. "She is a very strong woman and is well-liked in the Soviet Union." As chairman of Bain Link, a joint venture to promote links with the Soviet Union, Dr Aganbegyan gave warning that a free market economy is a long way off. But despite bread queues and political chaos, the Russians have not lost their sense of humour. "Life in our country is very difficult, and we must struggle. Your life is more easy, but not so interesting."

Collier's TV date

GEOFFREY Collier, the former Morgan Grenfell man who became Britain's first convicted insider dealer after he dealt in shares of AE, the engineer, for a profit of £15,000, talks about his experiences in a Thames Television programme at 10.45pm next Monday. *Money for Nothing* takes a critical look at the more colourful events in the Square Mile during the past five years. Collier, still a popular figure in some quarters of the City, agreed to be interviewed and answers questions about that fateful bargain and also his trial in 1987. Collier, some might recall, had to pay back the £15,000, was fined £25,000 and given a 12-month prison sentence, suspended for two years. "I can't possibly explain what I did, I can't possible try and justify what I did and I can't possibly try and condone what I did," he says.

"No, you can't have a loan before you go"

NOTICE in a library at Falls Church, Virginia: "As a child, a library card takes you to exotic, faraway places; when you are grown up, a credit card does."

Taking a shine

FUND managers may be finding it hard to keep up with shares on their roller-coaster ride, but at least they have not lost their dress sense. The Mercury Asset Management men stand head and shoulders above the rest — for having the shiniest shoes in the Square Mile. Such is the word from the Spit and Polish shoe cleaning company which, as the name suggests, spends its time trying to convince City gents that their shoes could do with a buff. But even though the company's shoe-shiners now visit 30 firms in the City including Smith New Court, and have stands at strategic locations, not everyone takes equal pride in their appearance. "Mercury Asset Management is our best customer," says Paul Rayden, the financial director, who adds that the service is also popular with Tokai International, the Japanese bank. "But none of the leading British banks use us despite being pressed to do so, and we find that very disturbing." Perhaps the banks, with an eye on their budgets, would be inclined to disagree.

Hooke line & sunk

FOR SALE. Ocean-going yacht. One owner, low mileage, in some need of repair. No reasonable offer refused. He thought it would never happen but, five months after setting sail on his epic voyage, Robert Hooke, the adventurous City stockbroker, is heading for port for the last time. Hooke, head of Euro-equities at Banque Paribas Capital Markets, and his yacht limped into Sydney last month after being hit by a fishing boat and capsizing in the Tasman Sea barely five days into the third leg of the gruelling BOC round-the-world race. "I hit a helluva gale and 60-knot winds, and the boat was dumped off a wave," says Hooke, a former American marine and naturalised Londoner, who runs an art gallery in the West End. Deciding his vessel is no longer seaworthy, Hooke hopes to be back in London soon to recount his adventures. First, there is the small problem of what to do with the yacht . . . .

JON ASHWORTH

SURELY THE MARKET LEADER IN CURRENCY WARRANTS IN GERMANY HAS TO BE GERMAN?

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The prices in this section refer to Monday's trading

● Ex dividend c Cum dividend k Cum stock split s Ex stock split m Cum all (any two or more of above) a Ex all (any two or more of above) Dealing or valuation days (1) Monday (2) Tuesday (3) Wednesday (4) Thursday (5) Friday

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● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment h Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 94.2 (day's range 94.1-94.2).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 19	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.9500-1.9545	1.9520-1.9530	1.06-1.05pr	3.00-2.98pr
Montrl	2.2474-2.2582	2.2522-2.2583	0.57-0.51pr	1.08-0.97pr
Amstrdm	3.2760-3.2841	3.2784-3.2820	1¼-1pr	3¼-3pr
Brussels	59.70-60.03	59.77-60.00	21-16pr	55-45pr
Copnhgn	11.1579-11.2079	11.1752-11.2005	3¼-2¾pr	8¼-7¾pr
Dublin	1.0905-1.0939	1.0929-1.0939	24-17pr	54-39pr
Frankft	2.9065-2.9154	2.9104-2.9139	1⅛-1pr	2⅞-2¾pr
Lisbon	254.25-256.04	254.54-255.65	2-20ds	93-134ds
Madrid	180.77-181.81	180.95-181.58	8-14ds	45-57ds
Milan	2179.13-2189.25	2179.90-2182.97	3-1pr	5-3pr
Oslo	11.3528-11.3957	11.3528-11.3782	2⅞-2⅜pr	6⅝-5⅞pr
Paris	9.8807-9.9228	9.9015-9.9164	3¼-2¾pr	8⅛-7⅝pr
Stckhlm	10.8420-10.8891	10.8531-10.8782	1½-¾pr	1⅞-1⅛pr
Tokyo	255.55-256.92	256.59-256.92	1¼-1pr	3¼-3pr
Vienna	20.4356-20.5026	20.4609-20.4908	7¾-6½pr	19½-16⅞pr
Zurich	2.4927-2.5007	2.4937-2.4979	1⅛-1pr	3⅛-2⅞pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	18460.5-18509.1
Australia dollar	2.4690-2.4734
Bahrain dinar	n/a
Brazil cruzeiro *	430.551-431.358
Cyprus pound	0.8325-0.8426
Finland marka	7.03-7.09
Greece drachma	310.40-313.60
Hong Kong dollar	15.2045-15.2143
India rupee	37.09-37.49
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	5.2641-5.2708
Mexico peso	5760-5860
New Zealand dollar	3.2229-3.2300
Saudi Arabia riyal	n/a
Singapore dollar	3.3550-3.3587
S Africa rand (fin)	6.2111-6.3146
S Africa rand (com)	4.8548-4.9672
U A E dirham	n/a

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank.*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.7885-1.7900
Singapore	1.7192-1.7202
Malaysia	2.6975-2.6995
Australia	1.2651-1.2667
Canada	1.1530-1.1540
Sweden	5.5640-5.5690
Norway	5.8250-5.8300
Denmark	5.7240-5.7290
W Germany	1.4880-1.4887
Switzerland	1.2765-1.2775
Netherlands	1.6750-1.6760
France	5.0600-5.0650
Japan	131.20-131.30
Italy	1116.0-1117.0
Belgium (Com)	30.63-30.68
Hong Kong	7.7905-7.7915
Portugal	130.70-130.90
Spain	92.65-92.75
Austria	10.47-10.49

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Make-up day: Dec 31, 1990 Agreed rates Jan 26, 1991 to Feb 25, 1991 Scheme I: 14.54% Schemes II & III: 15.09%. Reference rate Dec 1, 1990 to Dec 31, 1990 Scheme IV & V: 13.843%.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 13½ Finance Hse 14

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 13½ Low 10 Week fixed: 13¾

Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 12 11/16; 3 mth 12⅜ Sell: 2 mth 12 9/16 ; 3 mth: 12 .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	13 3/32-13 1/16	12⅞-12 11/16	12 9/16-12¾	11⅞-11 9/16	
Trade Bills (Dis):	13 25/32	13¼	12 15/16	12¼	
Interbank:	13 9/16-13 7/16	13¼-13⅛	13-12 15/16	12⅜-12¼	11⅞-11¾
(Overnight: open 13¾, close 10 .					
Local Authority Deps:	13 3/16	n/a	13⅛	12⅜	11 15/16
Sterling CDs:	13½-13⅜	13¼-13⅛	13-12⅞	12 7/16-12 5/16	11 15/16-11¾
Dollar CDs:	6.50-6.45	6.65-6.60	6.58-6.53	6.58-6.53	6.80-6.75
Building Society CDs:	13½-13¾	13 5/16-13 3/16	13-12 15/16	12 17/32-12⅜	11⅞-11¾

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6⅛-6	6 7/16-6⅛	6⅜-6 5/16	6⅜-6 7/16	6⅛-5⅞
Deutschemark:	9-8⅞	8 15/16-13/16	9-8⅞	9-8⅞	8⅞-7⅞
French Franc:	9½-9⅜	9 9/16-9 7/16	9⅝-9½	9 11/16-9 9/16	10-9
Swiss Franc:	7⅞-7⅝	7⅞-7⅝	7⅞-7⅝	7⅞-7⅝	8-7
Yen:	8¼-8	8¼-8	8-7⅞	7 11/16-7 9/16	7⅞-6⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS *(Baird & Co)*

Bullion: Open $363.40-363.90 Close: $360.80-361.30 High: $363.50-364.00
Low: $360.80-361.30 Krugerrand: $360.00-361.00 (£184.00-185.00)

Sovereigns: Old $93.00-94.00 (£46.50-47.50) New $87.00-88.00 (£44.00-45.00)

Platinum: $389.00 (£199.10) Silver: $3.68 (£1.875) Palladium: $85.50 (£43.75)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 37092	Mar 91	2362.0	2383.0	2320.0	2352.0	6098
	Jun 91	2385.0	2400.5	2384.0	2371.5	28
	Sep 91				2404.0	0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 152242	Mar 91	87.32	87.42	87.32	87.34	25211
	Jun 91	88.63	88.69	88.60	88.62	10527
	Sep 91	89.44	89.47	89.40	89.41	3074
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 43181	Mar 91	93.33	93.23	93.27	93.29	1898
	Jun 91	93.43	93.43	93.36	93.38	2227
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 94010	Mar 91	91.02	91.05	90.98	90.98	6571
	Jun 91	91.27	91.31	91.20	91.21	11156
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 9452	Mar 91	98-18	98-20	97-29	98-05	2886
	Jun 91				97-19	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 48352	Mar 91	93-26	93-28	93-08	93-11	18410
	Jun 91	94-12	94-12	93-28	93-29	879
Japanese Govt Bond Previous open interest: 814	Mar 91	97.60	97.65	97.55	97.59	55
	Jun 91	97.93	98.00	97.85	97.92	89
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 111464	Mar 91	86.20	86.66	85.92	86.00	58302
	Jun 91	86.45	86.60	86.10	86.18	3801
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 2441	Mar 91	90.32	90.37	90.32	90.36	205
	Jun 91	90.75	90.80	90.72	90.74	126

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COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
Mar	619-616	Mar	536-535	Mar	191.6-91.2
May	657-656	May	549-548	May	189.6-89.2
Jul	686-685	Jul	563-561	Aug	195.4-93.2
Sep	712-710	Sep	577-575	Oct	195.0-93.0
Dec	746-745	Nov	591-590	Dec	195.8-92.6
Mar	770-769	Jan	608-603	Mar	193.8-92.0
May	790-788	Mar	624-615		
	Vol: 2667		Vol: 13464		Vol: 1999

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
Mar	125.20	Mar	116.30	Apr	114.5-13.5
May	128.00	May	119.80	Jun	112.5-12.0
Jun	130.00	Sep	104.50	Aug	115.0-14.0
Sep	107.55	Nov	106.00	Oct	117.0-16.0
Nov	110.90	Jan	111.25	Dec	122.0-21.0
Vol	317	Vol	357	Vol	110

LONDON POTATO FUTURES

Volume: 139

Apr (£/tonne)	Open: 127.0	Close: 128.4
May	146.3	149.0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 19

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	69.24	139.46	105.72
(+/-)	-0.26	-19.71	-2.55
Eng/Wales:	63.36	140.06	106.35
(+/-)	-2.10	-20.23	-2.98
(%)	+21.3	-1.5	+11.1
Scotland:	75.00	134.58	108.44
(+/-)	-3.26	-20.32	-0.58
(%)	n/a	-53.8	-38.6

* Estimated dead carcase weight

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (£/kg)

Feb	
Open:	unq
Close:	107.8
Mar	
Open:	unq
Close:	111.3
Apr	
Open:	unq
Close:	111.0

Volume: 80

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm:

The market waited for some response from Iraq to the Soviet peace proposal. America was not optimistic.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.65	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Mar)	17.45	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Apr)	16.75	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	20.05	
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	18.75	

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas 1.5	223 (-2)	228 (-2)
Gasoil EEC	273 (+26)	283 (+26)
Non EEC 1H Mar	228 (+16)	233 (+18)
Non EEC 1H Apr	172 (n/c)	176 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	68 (-2)	70 (-2)
Naphtha	202 (-5)	207 (-5)

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

Mar	181.00-80.75	Jul	153.00-51.00
Apr	162.50-62.00	Aug	155.00-53.00
May	156.00-55.25	Sep	unq
Jun	152.00 SLR		Vol: 8702

BRENT

Mar	17.40-17.50	May	16.20-16.25
Apr	16.70-16.80		Vol: n/a

BIFFEX

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Feb 91	1540	1620	1540
Mar 91	1575	1535	1567
Apr 91	1445	1415	1442
Jul 91	1110	1098	1098

Vol: 187 lots Open interest: 3793

Dry cargo index: 1637 +24

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1279.0-1281.0	1264.0-1265.0	816475
Lead (£/tonne)	299.00-299.50	310.50-311.00	107200
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1182.0-1184.0	1190.0-1191.0	200500
Tin ($/tonne)	5845-5850	5740-5750	6830
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1489.0-1500.0	1531.0-1532.0	641000
Nickel ($/tonne):	8815.0-8825.0	8710.0-8720.0	14766

FOX MGMI INDEX

(5pm prices)

	Bid	Offer
Mar	1566.0	1567.40
Apr	1560.0	1567.50
May	1564.0	1557.20

Vol: 330

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Late declines

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began February 11. Dealings end February 22. §Contango day February 25. Settlement day March 4.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Mulynx	Electricals	
2	Charles Coms	Industrials A-D	
3	Pifco	Electricals	
4	Rockware	Industrials L-R	
5	Wilson Bowden	Building,Roads	
6	BTP	Chemicals,Plas	
7	Costain	Building,Roads	
8	Allied Lon	Property	
9	Computer People	Electricals	
10	Alumasc	Industrials A-D	
11	Gerrard Nat	Banks,Discount	
12	Cohen (A)	Industrials A-D	
13	Yorkshire Chem	Chemicals,Plas	
14	Persimmon	Building,Roads	
15	Herring Son	Property	
16	Br Mohair	Textiles	
17	Tace	Industrials S-Z	
18	Diploma	Industrials A-D	
19	Ellis & Everard	Chemicals,Plas	
20	Dunhill	Drapery,Stores	
21	TT Group	Industrials S-Z	
22	Douglas (RM)	Building,Roads	
23	Watmough	Paper,Print,Adv	
24	Cookson	Industrials A-D	
25	Grainger	Property	
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27	Br Vita	Industrials A-D	
28	Rochem	Industrials L-R	
29	Low & Bonar	Industrials L-R	
30	Compass Gp	Leisure	
31	Petrocon	Oil,Gas	
32	Allied Text	Textiles	
33	Glaxo	Industrials E-K	
34	Wardle Storeys plc	Chemicals,Plas	
35	Macfarlane	Industrials L-R	
36	Domino	Electricals	
37	Shell	Oil,Gas	
38	Morland	Breweries	
39	McLeod Russel	Industrials L-R	
40	Isotron	Industrials E-K	
41	Peacos	Drapery,Stores	
42	Premier	Oil,Gas	
43	Castings	Industrials A-D	
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STOCK MARKET

Big rights issues expected soon

A BIG fund-raising exercise is under way in the Square Mile, aimed at taking advantage of the stock market's recent strength and the deep pockets of the institutions.

Several blue-chip companies are expected to announce details of big rights issues within the next week or two, raising hundreds of millions of pounds. A number of important fund managers are known to have been approached about underwriting these issues and they are understood to have given a positive response. City institutions have built up an estimated *£40 billion since the* 1987 crash, but they have been reluctant to invest in a falling market.

Fund managers have recently been signalling their willingness to begin re-investing in the equity market and this month they gave the thumbs-up to a £572 million cash-raising operation by Tesco, the supermarkets chain, 2p firmer at 240p. Their willingness to absorb these new shares may have been the signal for other cash-starved companies to go ahead.

The rest of the equity market spent a nervous time, fluctuating within narrow limits throughout most of the day with investors, for the time being, apparently unwilling to chase shares any further without a clear lead from Wall Street, which was closed on Monday for the Washington birthday celebrations.

But the undertone remained firm with investors still looking for a further cut in interest rates in the short term. However, brokers like SGST Securities are forecasting that rise has been overdone and that the index will drop to about the 2,165 level before the end of next month.

Turnover also suffered with only 487 million shares traded despite talk of a £100 million programme trade.

The FT-SE 100 index recovered from a hesitant start but failed to hold on to its best level, finishing 5.9 lower at 2,312.4 having been almost 14 points higher. The FT index of 30 shares firmed 0.9 to *1,839.5.*

Government securities saw gains in longs steadily eroded with prices losing £⅛ at the longer end. Dealers said that fund managers were switching from the longer end of the market to shorts where prices rose by about £⅛.

The water shares saw their recent record-breaking run come grinding to a halt as UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker, advised its clients to start taking some of their hefty profits. There were also stories circulating that the water companies will come under pressure from the government to take action on pollution and that these additional costs will eat into margins.

Falls were seen in **Anglian**, 13p to 291p, **Northumbrian**, 14p to 297p, **North West**, 6p *to 300p*, **Severn Trent**, *10p to* 270p, **Southern**, 4p to 283p, **South West**, 13p to 300p, **Thames**, 11p to 298p, **Welsh**, 14p to 310p, **Wessex**, 1p to 343p, and **Yorkshire**, 12p to 297p. The water package tumbled £100 to £2,945.

The selling in water shares affected the electricity companies with **Eastern** 7½p lower at 169½p, **East Midlands**, 8p to 186p, **London**, 6p to 189p, **Manweb**, 7½p to 202½p, **Midlands**, 3½p to 181p, **Northern**, 7p to 188p, **Norweb**, 2p to 187p, **Seeboard**, 2½p to 177½p, **Southern**, 4½p to 177½p, **South Wales**, 5p to 202p, **South West**, 6p to 181p, and **Yorkshire**, 3½p to 194½p.

The electricity package fell £53 *to £1,850.*

The long-suffering hotels gleaned some comfort from a presentation by Kleinwort Benson, the broker, although prices later softened, worried by the Paddington and Victoria stations' bombings and the repercussions on the tourist trade. Kleinwort has just published a review of the sector and it is urging its clients to buy before an expected upturn in trading conditions next year.

The hotels sector underperformed the rest of the market by 15.6 per cent last year and so far this year by 7.4 *per cent. It is trading* at a ten-year low relative to the rest of the market. Paul Slattery, an analyst at Kleinwort, is predicting a strong recovery in earnings after this year as the big groups start to spend more on refurbishment and new *hotels.*

Mr Slattery is recommending **Ladbroke**, 1p better at 266p, **Trusthouse Forte**, 3p lower at 256p, after 259p, **Queens Moat**, 4p lower at 91p, and the **Rank Organisation**, 5p cheaper at 684p. He says that clients *should* start thinking about buying.

Capital Radio, the independent commercial broadcaster, jumped 10p to 168p after the news that Havas, the French advertising agency is about to take a 20.6 per cent stake.

Hunter Saphir, the fresh food group, tumbled 17p to 61p after the group announced that bid talks with an unnamed suitor had been terminated. The speculators had linked Hunter Saphir with Dalgety. **Berisford International**, the troubled food *and commodity broker, owns* 20 per cent of Hunter Saphir. Berisford was unchanged at 26p.

News of job losses sent **Fairline Boats**, the luxury boatbuilder, tumbling 40p to 413p. The group blamed the the *Gulf* war and the recession.

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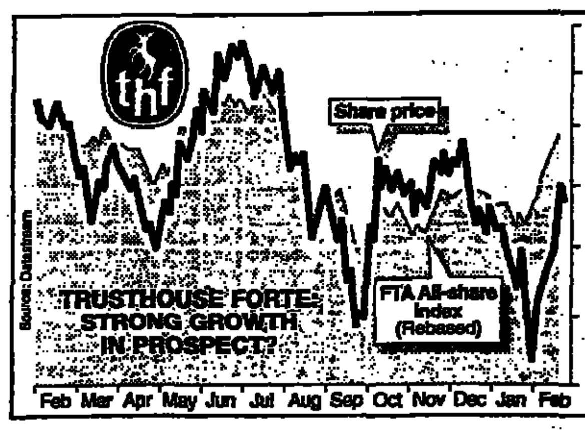
Berkeley Govett, the international fund management and financial services group, rose an additional 9p to 155p. The shares were trading at about 119p before last week's 18 per cent advance in profits. The group has benefited from a series of presentations for fund managers.

***BAA*, the airport operator, continued to rally, climbing *14p to 392p* despite the impact of the Gulf war on passenger traffic and revived worries about a mainland bombing campaign. Only last Friday, the shares were trading at about 362p. Several brokers are urging clients to sell.**



RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Atlantis Resources	37
Aberforth Smlr (100p)	101
Brabant Res (155p)	134
CMW Group (30p)	25
Castle Cairn (50p)	31 +1
EFM Java Tst (50p)	38
Eidos (100p)	58
Europe Energy	16
Faber Prest (175p)	140
Foreign & Col	42
Invergordon (135p)	155 +2
Levercrest (108p)	55 -33
MMEC	3½
MMI (20p)	19
Malaysia Capital	£6⅝
Midland Radio	95
Paramount (10p)	10¼
Pelican Gp (50p)	22 -1
Proteus Intl (84p)	101
Seton Healthcare	158
St James Place (130p)	67
Smaller IT	61
Stand Platform (225p)	160
Tr Euro Gwth (100p)	92 +1
Trio Inv Tst	44
Utd Energy	1¼
Utd Uniform	88
Unichem (100p)	137 +3
Wig Tpe App	212 -1

● *See main prices page for Electricity shares*

RIGHTS ISSUES

Tesco N/P	42 +2

(Issue price in brackets).

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones .... 2916.34 (-18.31)*
S&P Composite .... 357.79 (-1.27)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 26166.98 (-63.03)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 3467.84 (-5.58)
FT-SE Eurotrack ... 1049.57 (+2.55)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 88.4 (+0.5)
Sydney: AO .... 1398.7 (-0.6)
Frankfurt: DAX ... 1587.13 (+14.56)
Brussels:
General .... 5563.58 (+157.37)
Paris: CAC .... 451.55 (+6.75)
Zurich: SKA Gen .... 526.2 (+1.2)
London:
FT—A All-Share ...... 1115.14 (-2.45)
FT.— "500" .... 1227.27 (-0.74)
FT Gold Mines .... 134.7 (+0.2)
FT. Fixed interest ...... 94.23 (+0.01)
FT. Govt Secs .... 85.88 (+0.16)
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	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	4,876	Cadbury	3,025	L&G	598	Royal Bnk	337
Alld-Lyons	2,021	CU	393	Lloyds	2,518	Royal Ins	2,577
Anglian	808	Courtaulds	1,206	Lonrho	1,615	Sainsbury	1,817
ASDA	3,009	Dalgety	419	Lucas	1,358	Scot & N	798
AB Foods	58	Enterprise	880	M&S	3,009	Sears	7,372
Argyll	3,747	Eurotunnel	154	Maxwell Cm	396	Severn Trnt	639
BAA	1,526	Fisons	1,315	MEPC	887	Shell	3,758
BET	5,561	Gen Acc	227	Midland	2,817	Smith & N	1,317
BTR	3,809	GEC	6,880	Nat West	1,991	SK Beech	1,588
BAT	1,480	Glaxo	804	N W Water	1,330	Sun Allnce	519
Barclays	2,880	Grand Met	3,535	P&O	1,070	Tarmac	2,489
Bass	779	GUS 'A'	185	Pearson	280	Tate Lyle	1,982
BICC	846	GRE	1,818	Pilkington	1,328	TSB	3,972
Bk Scotlnd	3,173	GKN	485	Prudential	2,700	Tesco	3,142
Blue Circle	2,010	Guinness	821	Racal	5,339	Thames Wtr	2,800
BOC	345	Hamrn 'A'	183	Rk Hovis	1,833	Thorn EMI	754
Boots	1,882	Hanson	6,411	Rank	648	Trafalgar	2,343
Br Aero	1,582	H & C	814	R&C	168	THF.	6,581
Br Airways	2,754	Hawker	108	Redland	622	Ultramar	451
Br Gas	7,800	Hillsdown	3,087	Reed	437	Unilever	1,765
Br Petrol	9,081	ICI	1,845	Reuters	888	United Bis	1,199
Br Steel	6,457	Kingfisher	2,080	RMC Gp	407	Wellcome	1,131
Br Telecm	3,120	Lasmo	807	RTZ	2,182	Whitbrd	2,027
Burmah Cst	350	Ladbroke	8,470	R-Royce	2,872	Wig Teape	1,348
C&W	1,771	Land Sec	854	Rothmn 'B'	89	Willis Cor	935

WALL STREET

Dow falls 15 points as profits are taken

New York

PRICES were weak in morning dealings as investors took some profits following last week's rally. The Dow Jones *industrial* average was *15* points down at 2,919.65 with falling shares outnumbering rises by about two to one. Analysts said that selling may not become heavy as the hopes of peace in the Gulf help to lift sentiment.

Michael Metz, a market strategist at Oppenheimer and Co, said: "I believe the market is getting a little tired. If there is some development on the peace front, we could see a short-term rise, but the market has always assumed the war would be short and relatively painless."

● **Tokyo** — Stocks closed easier but off their lows in heavy trading with buying and profit-taking swinging the market widely. The Nikkei index was down 63.03 points, or 0.24 per cent, to 26,166.98. Turnover totalled 1.5 billion shares — against 1.2 billion on Monday — and was the highest since November, 1989.

● **Frankfurt** — Shares ended 0.9 per cent higher after profit-taking knocked prices off Tuesday's new highs for 1991. The *Dax* index ended 14.56 points higher at 1,587.13 after jumping to 1,604.18.

● **Singapore** — The roller-coaster market closed generally higher after profit-taking alternated with bargain-hunting in another day of active trading. The Straits Times industrial index recovered from a 12.99-point fall at midday to end at 1,379.30, up 1.17 points.

● **Hong Kong** — Prices ended easier after moderate gains and losses in confused but active dealings. The Hang Seng index closed 5.58 points down at 3,467.84. The broader-based Hong Kong index slid 4.56 points to 2,274.94.

● **Sydney** — Futures-related selling took the gloss off an early rise in the market and sent it to a marginally weaker close. The All-Ordinaries index eased 0.6 points to 1,398.7. *(Reuter)*

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings, February 18
Last Dealings, March 1
Last Declaration, May 30
For Settlement, June 10

Call options were taken out in: [illegible] Berisford, Boots, [illegible] BTR Wts 93/94, Business Tech, Cable & Wireless, Control Sec, Costain, [illegible], Dixons, SKI, Helene of London, Markheath, Monarch Res, Rosehaugh, [illegible].
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Wave of pleasure: indoors or outdoors, swimming-pools can give an extra dimension of quality to life

Liquid asset in the home

Swimming-pools can bring a family together as well as provide exercise and raise the value of your property, Nicole Swengley reports

Despite the increasing sophistication of public leisure centres, more home-owners than ever are installing their own swimming-pools. Some of Britain's most advanced pools will be unveiled when Sebastian Coe, the Olympic gold medallist, opens the tenth International Swimming Pool and Fitness Exhibition at Alexandra Palace tomorrow.

During the show, which is open to the public from Friday to Sunday, Mr Coe will present a cheque and trophy to this year's winner of the first Ellis and Everard Architect Design Awards for the country's most outstanding public swimming and leisure complexes. The best 18 entries are the subject of displays, which include details of new centres in London at Woolwich and Haringey (the latter opened two weeks ago) and at Tavistock, Devon; Bracknell, Berkshire; and Hillsborough, South Yorkshire.

Thanks to two consecutive hot summers, Britain's swimming-pool industry had a record year in 1990 and this year's order books are again filling fast. Indoor pools now account for about 65 per cent of the 6,000 new domestic pools likely to be installed this year, according to Norman Lingham, of the Swimming Pool and Allied Trades Association (SPATA), founded 20 years ago as the industry's watchdog.

A pool costs about the same as a new car. An outdoor pool sunk into the ground costs about £7,500, and enclosures start from £1,825. A luxury indoor pool costs up to £30,000.

It is possible to buy a DIY kit for an in-ground pool from about £2,000 and install it yourself or with help from a local builder. Above-ground pools cost even less. Prices start from £650.

Brian McLaughlin, the organiser of the exhibition, says: "I believe the industry could benefit from the crisis in the Gulf with fewer people wanting to travel abroad this year and investing money ear-marked for holidays on the home instead."

John Crane, of Lanzare Pools, echoes this view. His company is launching the Sun King, a new range of easily-erected above-ground pools, at the show.

Dominic Adams of Golden Coast Swimming Pools, says: "The demand for above-ground pools, which tend to be a weather-related impulse purchase, remains high. But, whereas five years ago we saw an upsurge in DIY pool kits, these days it's the luxury indoor pool market which is showing an increase; with the over-40s being principal purchasers." The company is launching the Swimmer, costing from £8,000, a new acrylic exercise pool suitable for in-ground or above ground use.

A new trend noted by Simplex Pools indicates that more home-owners are ordering outdoor pools with the intention of enclosing them at a later date because footings for the enclosure are inserted when the pool is installed.

Manufacturers argue that a pool is better value than some other types of home improvement because it can be enjoyed by the whole family. With estate agents advising home-improvers to choose indoor pools to enhance the value of their properties in preference to outdoor in-ground pools, it appears that the recession has not affected demand for sophisticated indoor facilities.

Nick Forrester, of Norwegian Log Chalets, which specialises in luxury pool complexes, says: "Where people are prepared to spend over £100,000, we are increasingly asked to include a kitchen and dining area in the complex, thereby creating a family living area as an extension to the house. But we have also had a lot of orders around the £60,000 mark this year for compact pool complexes."

Nor does there seem to be any reduction in demand for the exotic installations offered by the Rainbow Leisure Group. Neil Kelly, its marketing manager, says: "The interior pool market looks as good as last year. Despite the recession, people seem to have money to spend on a specially-designed pool. They are looking for something individual, an amenity which will enhance their property and they want quality as well as value for money."

Rainbow Leisure Group, which comprises three separate but integrated companies dealing with pool installations, their construction and design, frequently fits pools in penthouses or basements. Current orders include a 50ft x 13ft exercise pool in the basement of a London townhouse.

"People come to us because we are able to offer a very specialised service, including individual air handling and de-humidification systems which ensure the best climate for swimming and entertaining," Mr Kelly says. "People now seem willing to sacrifice pool size for a larger surrounding entertainment area."

Andrew Ginger, the managing director of Leisureland, says that 80 per cent of its pools are bought by customers with an average age of 50. "Swimming is an activity suitable for all ages. An indoor pool is available all year round for fun and exercise. No travelling is involved and the pool attracts children and grandchildren, creating a family togetherness."

Leisureland pools range from £16,995 to £68,995. But, for anyone who does not have space for a full-size pool, Leisureland's new Swimming Machine, from £11,995, consists of a miniature pool with variable power jet. Swimming against the jet allows swimmers to exercise on the spot. Enclosed in a Leisureland Multicabin, from £3,495, this could be the answer for water loving city folk with small back yards.

● *Further details: The International Swimming Pool and Fitness Show, Alexandra Palace, Wood Green London N22 4AY. Tel: 081-365 2121. Open 10 am to 6 pm except Sundays when closes 5 pm. Open to trade: 21 and 22 Feb; open to public 23 and 24 Feb. Entry fee: £5 adults, £2.50 children, senior citizens and UB40s.*

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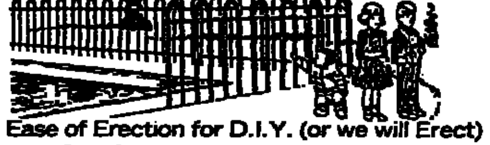

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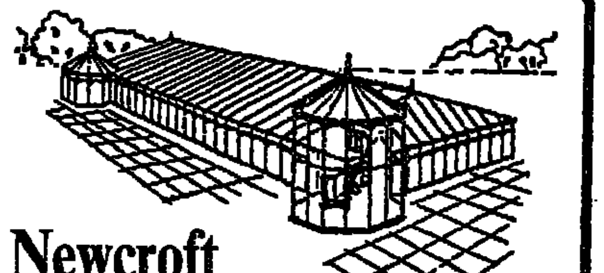

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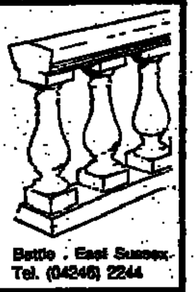

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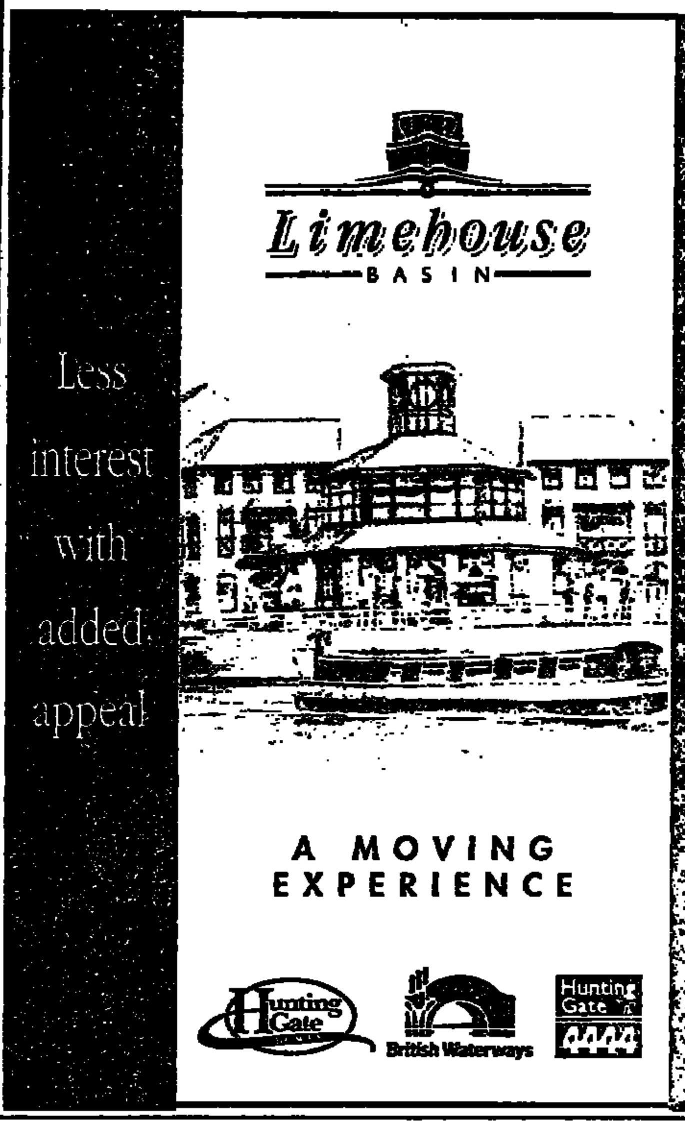

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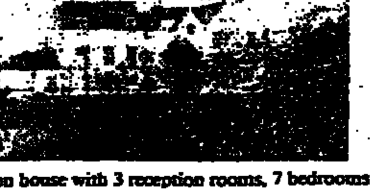

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Spain jumps back on the gravy train

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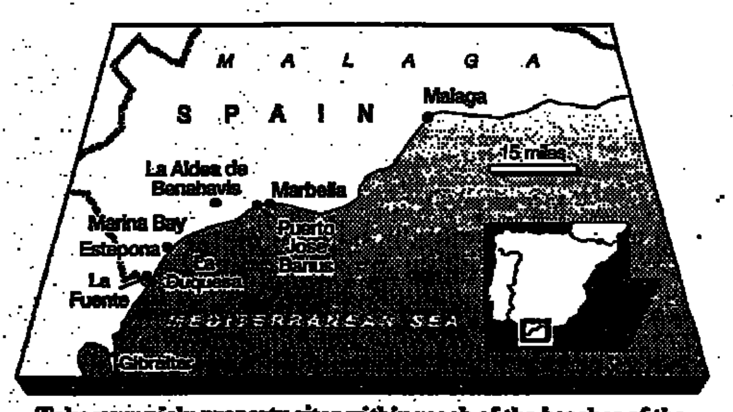

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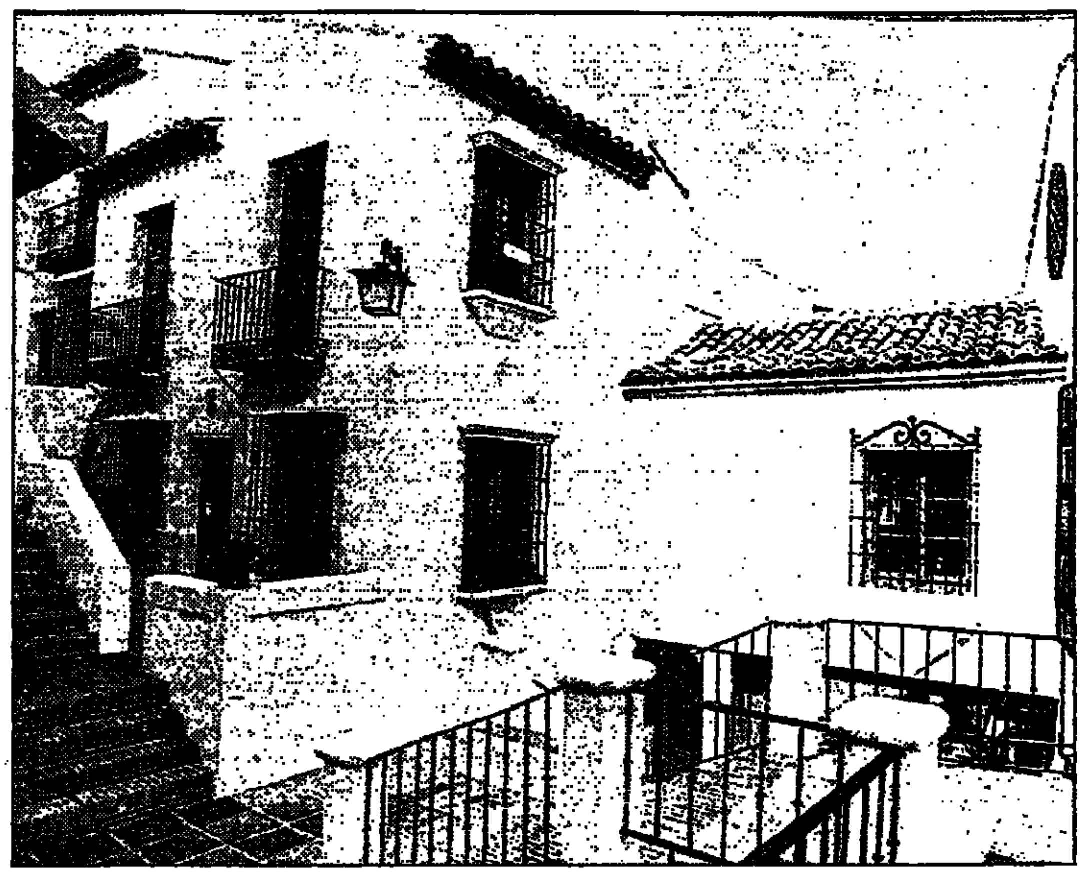

Place in the sun: La Aldea de Benhavis on the Costa del Sol blends old-style charm with new luxury

Tourism in Spain is likely to pick up this year as potential holiday-makers favour the Iberian peninsula over the the eastern Mediterranean, which is closer to the troubled Gulf region.

Developers and estate agents are hoping for an upturn in leisure property sales, particularly on the Costa del Sol, where schemes started during the the boom in the late Eighties are nearing completion yet have few buyers in sight.

Spanish investment should have a better year in 1992 because the year marks Spain's full entry into the European Community, the World Fair is to be held in Seville and Barcelona is staging the Olympic Games.

Golf is big business throughout European resorts, especially in Spain, and a development next to a golf course is an attractive proposition. Two British agents, Keith Miles & Co, and Welch & Roe, are selling La Fuente, a scheme of 156 apartments being built high on a hillside overlooking the 17th tee at Duquesa Golf, ten miles west of Estepona, near Gibraltar.

Owners can buy a life share in the Duquesa golf and country club for about £10,000, which entitles two named members to unlimited golf on the 18-hole course, as well as use of all the clubhouse facilities, which include squash and tennis courts, an indoor bowling green, a swimming pool, restaurants and a bar.

Built in typical whitewashed, red-roofed Andalusian style, La Fuente gives the impression of a traditional *pueblo*, with varying roof levels, different styles of balcony and plenty of wooden balustrading. The first 27 studios, with two and three-bedroom units, will be completed during the late summer. Prices range from £50,000 to £157,000.

Potential buyers requiring the bustle of the boating life may like Marina Bay, overlooking Estepona's marina, which has shops, restaurants and bars, as well as a Sunday street market.

Marina Bay, also being sold by Keith Miles and Welch & Roe, has been designed as four blocks containing 133 apartments, set in sub-tropical gardens with the beach 60 yards away. The development will have a gymnasium, satellite television, two swimming pools and a bar.

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Every house creates an impression of being centuries old, incorporating antique wall tiles, iron window grilles and wooden beams gathered from Andalusian villages. Varied floor levels within the houses add to the illusion.

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Puerto Jose Banus attracts the international set, so the marina is busy year-round. On a 17-acre site east of the marina, 309 big apartments are being built at Los Granados, just 15 yards from the shoreline.

The three four-floor apartment blocks are being built in a semicircle facing the sea. Plans include a private beach and tennis club and swimming pools and a promenade to be built on the beach front. The first phase, 105 homes and the beach club, will be completed this summer and, depending on demand, the second block will be started at the end of this year.

Promotora Playas Espanolas says all ground-floor units and fourth-floor penthouses have private pools and marble predominates, internally and externally. Prices range from £205,000 for a 438 sq yd one-bedroom apartment, and from £235,000 and £260,000 for two-bedroom and three-bedroom units.

Most of the water sports for next year's Olympics will be held around La Escala on the Costa Brava. IPI, of Brighton, says that rental demand on this stretch of coast should soar and now is a good time to buy as prices are much lower than on the Costa del Sol. IPI has a wide portfolio of new and resale homes, including the 45-unit Golf Royal, a whitewashed apartment block adjacent to an 18-hole championship golf course. The two-bedroom and three-bedroom flats and penthouses all have private parking and prices range from £67,105 to £150,000.

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London loses out in the great city exodus

Christopher Warman

reveals why companies are rushing to relocate

The number of organisations moving out of central London reached an "unprecedented" level last year and is expected to increase, the surveyor Jones Lang Wootton says in its annual report, "The Decentralisation of Offices from Central London".

The report shows that although the number of companies relocating staff and offices has been increasing since 1977, the rise was greatest last year. The numbers of individual moves made during 1990 and those planned for 1991 and 1992 are larger than ever before. Job "moves" last year totalled 11,380, almost double the 6,330 in 1989.

A survey by the company's consulting and research department says that 34 organisations left central London during 1990 and at least 48 intend to do so in the next two years.

Fifty-four per cent of the companies that had moved during the past eight years cited property costs as the main reason for their decision. However, as the gap between the top rents of offices in the suburbs and provinces and central London decreases, so in the future may property costs decline in importance as a motivating factor.

The importance of labour cost savings has increased slightly, accounting for 15 per cent of all reasons given during 1990, compared with 10 per cent from 1983 to 1989. Growing shortages of skilled and clerical staff within central London have resulted in a rise in salary levels as employers have competed for a diminishing supply of labour.

After financial factors, organisational and operational reasons come next as companies have consolidated or expanded. The recession is likely to dilute this as a main reason for moving.

The average size of moves during 1990 was greater than in previous years, but only by 6 per cent, from 317 jobs to 335. In the next two years the planned moves are larger, averaging 539 jobs in 1991 and 602 in 1992. This trend is partly the result of the substantial number of larger moves being made to London Docklands and by the public sector.

While the scale of decentralisation has increased, its impact on the central London office market has been fairly limited, the research shows. From 1983 (when Jones Lang Wootton began its annual survey) to 1990, a total of 6.8 million sq ft of office space was vacated as a result of relocation, amounting to 4.4 per cent of the total central London office stock.

The annual average floorspace vacated during this period of 857,500 sq ft equates to only 0.6 per cent of the total stock, but in the next two years, the figure is expected to rise to 2.1 million sq ft or 1.38 per cent of the total stock.

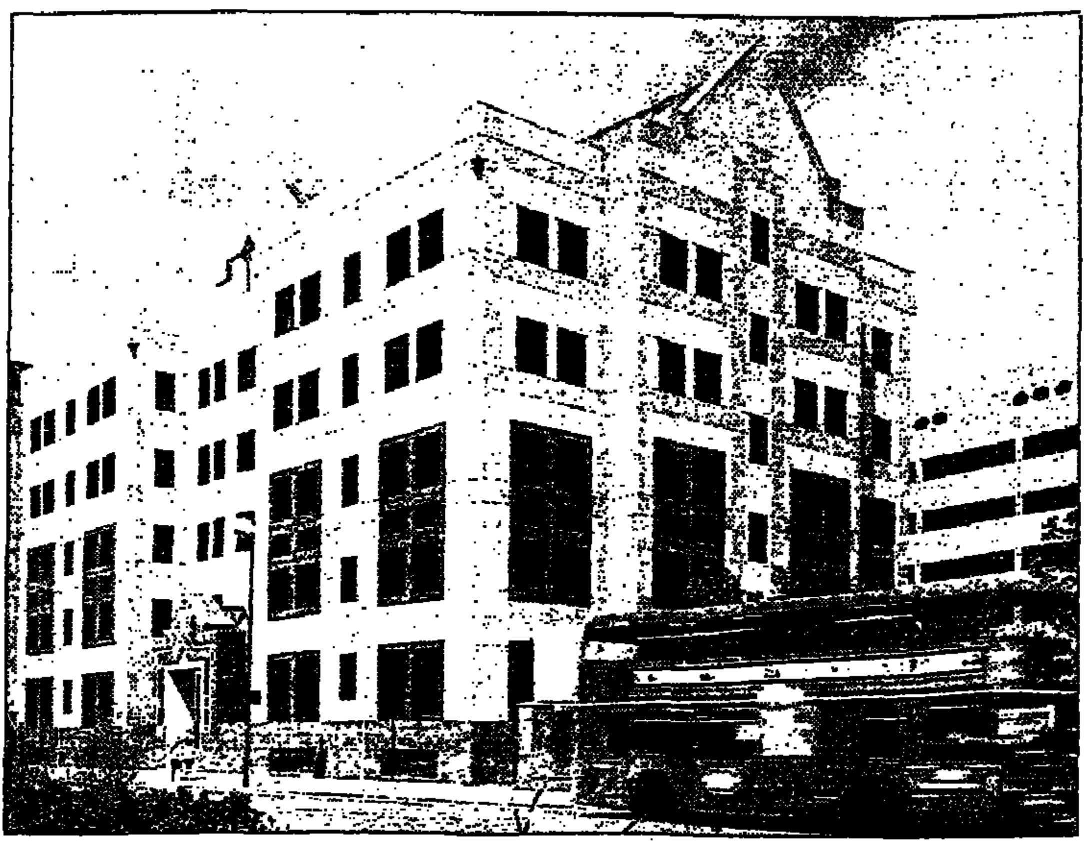
Companies are now moving further away from London. The proportion of jobs dispersed to outer London between 1983 and 1989 was 54 per cent, but dropped to 37 per cent in 1990. Moves to the rest of the southeast are scheduled to fall dramatically from 32 per cent of moves in 1990 to only 9 per cent in 1991 and 1992. More than half the scheduled moves are long-distance.

During the Eighties, industrial companies moved most, many of them part of the oil-industry exodus from central London. But after accounting for 24 per cent of all moves during that period, this sector is expected to fall to 13 per cent in 1991 and 1992.

The banking, finance, insurance and professional service sector was dominant during 1990, accounting for 53 per cent of all moves, and banking and finance are expected to continue to relocate.

In the future, too, the public sector will play a larger role, scheduled to account for one-third of all moves in 1991 and 1992 compared with 5 per cent in the past eight years.

Planned moves have been announced by the health and social security, employment and customs and excise departments. In all, 16 public-sector moves are due to take place in the next two years.



Sold for £275 a sq ft: Fleet House, near Canary Wharf, Docklands, which has underground parking

Seifert sells at the asking price

THE architectual company Seifert has sold its building, Fleet House, south of Canary Wharf on the Isle of Dogs in London Docklands, to Chancery plc for a price equivalent to £275 a sq ft. The granite-clad, self-contained 43,600 sq ft building has underground parking.

Seifert will take a lease on the property, but will be looking for sublettings. John Seifert, the chairman of the Seifert Group, says the company was pleased to make the sale at the asking price. He adds: "It shows the importance of a well-designed, and well-specified product."

In central London, refurbishment work has started on Centre Point, the 35-storey New Oxford Street building designed by R. Seifert & Partners and built between 1961 and 1964 by the developer Harry Hyams.

MEPC, which acquired the building in 1987 when it completed the takeover of the Oldham Estate Company, has awarded Bovis Construction the £6.5 million first phase of the contract, which consists of upgrading existing lifts and replacing the electrical services. Tenants include the Confederation of British Industry.

The second phase will involve alteration to the existing traffic routes around the island site.

IN THE MARKET

The biggest hotel in town

☐ Westminster city council is supporting a planning application by Bernard Sunley & Sons for a 361-room extension to Lonrho's Metropole Hotel at Paddington that will transform the hotel into London's biggest, with 1,075 rooms. Its planning committee intends to grant consent, subject to legal agreements and planning advantages.

Subject to agreement, the £65 million project should start this summer and be completed in late 1993, providing a 400,000 sq ft extension, including more than 20,000 sq ft of conference space. The extension's 15 storeys, clad in limestone and glass, will make it a landmark beside the A40 (M) Marylebone flyover.

☐ Arcona Properties, the Anglo-Swedish development and investment group, has formed a 50-50 partnership with the Swedish Hufvudstaden Group for its office scheme at Great Marlborough Street, central London, acquired last August from B. & C. for £18.25 million. The present building on the site is let to the environment department. The partnership has planning consent for a 110,000 sq ft scheme at a total redeveloped value of £60 million.

The company intends to relet the building in 1994 when the market is likely to be in better shape and the supply of competing space limited.

☐ Stockley Park, the business park near London's Heathrow airport, has added another computer company to its tenants. The American Sterling Software company is to move its UK subsidiary into 11,000 sq ft of offices joining Apple Computer, Electronic Data Systems, Fujitsu and others on the site.

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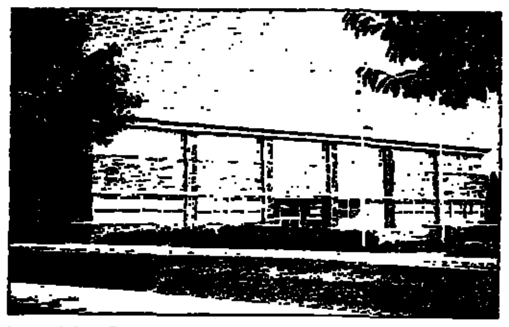

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Court of Appeal

Simple majority required for canon

Brown and Others v Runcie and Another

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Leggatt and Lord Justice Nolan

[Judgment February 13]

A canon investing the Archbishops of Canterbury and York with discretionary powers to permit the ordination of divorced persons or spouses of divorced persons whose previous spouse was still alive needed only a simple majority of the General Synod of the Church of England for its valid passing in accordance with the synod's constitution, since the provisions of the Church of England (Worship and Doctrine) Measure 1974 requiring a two-thirds majority in certain circumstances did not apply.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Margaret Mary Brown, John Michael Coombs, Joshua Roy Porter and Trevor John Philip Stevenson, members of the synod, from Mr Justice Hoffmann (*The Times* June 26, 1990) who had granted an application by the defendants, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York, for the statement of claim in the plaintiffs' action to be struck out and the action dismissed.

By their action the plaintiffs claimed, *inter alia*, a declaration that the canon was invalid and therefore should not be submitted for the royal licence and assent.

Mr William Gage, QC and Mr Nigel Seed for the plaintiffs; Miss Sheila Cameron, QC and Mr Timothy Briden for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that by the constitution of the general synod, contained in Schedule 2 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969, legislation by the synod could take the form of measures or canons. Measures became law after being passed by the synod, being approved by Parliament and receiving the royal assent. After being passed by the synod, canons required the royal licence.

The practice seemed to be to make a measure authorising the synod to make a canon to achieve the desired purpose.

In general, by article 5 of Schedule 2, a motion of the synod was determined by a simple majority, but that was subject to any exceptions in the constitution itself or in particular measures. One of the latter was the 1974 measure, section 1 of which provided:

"(1) It shall be lawful for the general synod — (a) to make provision by canon with respect to worship in the Church of England . . . (b) to make provision by canon . . . for any matter, except the publication of banns of matrimony, to which any of the rubrics contained in *The Book of Common Prayer* relate . . ."

By section 3, no such canon could be submitted for the royal licence "unless it has been finally approved by the general synod with a majority in each house thereof of not less than two-thirds of those present and voting . . ."

In 1986 the general synod sanctioned the ordination of women as deacons. That was done by a measure which qualified an earlier measure, the Clergy (Ordination and Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 1964, and by a canon, canon C4A.

Articles 1 and 2 of C4A gave effect to what was envisaged by the 1986 measure, and had to be regarded as made under the measure. But article 3 and certain paragraphs of the Schedule, which made alterations to the ordinal [the form of service of ordination, including words and biblical readings to be used] were a matter of choice and were not obligatory or inevitable as a result of the enactment of the 1986 measure.

Those provisions must have been made under the authority of the 1974 measure, since they made provision, within section 1(1)(a), with respect to worship in the Church of England. They accordingly required, and in fact received, a special majority for their passing.

Section 9 of the 1964 measure in its original form prohibited the admission into holy orders of any remarried person whose former wife was still living and of any person married to a person who had been previously married and whose former husband was still living.

To permit ordination of divorced persons or spouses of divorced persons required an alteration of section 9. That was achieved by the Clergy (Ordination) Measure 1990, which duly became law and whose validity was not in question, and section 1 of which substituted a new section 9:

"(1) Unless a faculty has been granted by the archbishop of the province in pursuance of a canon made under subsection (2) of this section, a person — (a) who has remarried and, the other party to that marriage being living, has a former spouse still living, or (b) who is married to a person who has been previously married and whose former spouse is still living, shall not be admitted into holy orders.

"(2) It shall be lawful for the general synod to make provision by canon for empowering the archbishop of a province, on an application made to him by the bishop of a diocese, to grant a faculty to the bishop for admitting into holy orders a person who otherwise could not be so admitted by reason of subsection (1) of this section."

At the same time, and in anticipation of the enactment of the measure, a draft canon as envisaged by it was considered by the synod. It was passed by a simple majority, but had not yet received the royal licence. The plaintiffs said that it fell within section 1(1) of the 1974 measure and so needed a two-thirds majority.

It was necessary, as with canon C4A, to see what the new canon was doing.

It should be said at the outset that an opinion of Lord Bridge of Harwich, delivered in his capacity of chairman of the ecclesiastical committee of Parliament in February 1989, to which the judge attached particular importance, did not, however correct it was, answer the question as it appeared to be directed to the measure and not the canon.

The paragraph of the 1990 canon which was material for present purposes inserted a new paragraph, 3A, into a previous canon entitled "of the quality of such as are to be ordained deacons or priests".

Paragraph 3A began: "The archbishop of the province, on an application made to him by the bishop of a diocese on behalf of a person who by reason of paragraph 3 of this canon could not otherwise be admitted into holy orders, may grant a faculty for the removal of the impediment imposed by that paragraph to the admission of that person into holy orders . . ."

That part of the paragraph was plainly made under the power conferred by the new section 9(2) and could not have been made without that power. The remainder of the paragraph created machinery for directions by the archbishops, and must also have been made under the 1990 measure.

By contrast with canon C4A, his Lordship found nothing in paragraph 3A which required recourse to the powers exerciseable by the general synod under section 1(1) of the 1974 measure.

Moreover, his Lordship would not construe the words in section 1(1)(b) of that measure as widely as the plaintiffs would have it construed. Their argument, briefly, was that the rubric in the service for the ordination of deacons in *The Book of Common Prayer* referred to "impediments" to ordination, that the rubric therefore related to impediments, and that any provision about impediments in a canon came within section 1(1)(b).

However, the rubric related not to the definition of "impediment" but to the procedure to be used if it was claimed that there was an impediment to ordination. Nothing in paragraph 3A related in any way to that procedure.

The rubric also referred to "the archdeacon" doing various things. If a canon were put forward specifying necessary qualifications for a priest to be appointed an archdeacon, it could not be said that a special majority was needed for its passing on the ground that the rubric "related" to archdeacons.

Accordingly the 1990 canon was not within section 1(1) of the 1974 measure, and the whole of the canon was legitimately passed under the 1990 measure, which contained no provision requiring a special majority.

Lord Justice Leggatt concurred and Lord Justice Nolan delivered a judgment concurring in the result.

Solicitors: Andrew McCooey & Co, Sittingbourne; Winckworth & Pemberton.

Tachograph exemption

DPP v Ryan and Another

A three-axled lorry which had been adapted for winch and lifting work and was used exclusively in the defendants' business of drilling water wells was "a vehicle used in connection with . . . water . . . services" under article 4(6) of Council Regulation (EEC) 3820/85, the Community drivers' hours regulation, and was no longer a vehicle "used for the carriage of goods by road" under article 3 of Council Regulation (EEC) 3821/85, the Community recording equipment regulation, and was thus exempt from the requirement that it have a tachograph.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Otton) so held on February 14 in allowing in part an appeal by way of case stated by the DPP against the dismissal by Lancaster Justices of informations laid against Bernard William Ryan and J. P. Whitter (Water Well Engineers) Ltd.

MR JUSTICE OTTON said that the words "used in connection . . . with water services" were capable of being interpreted as applying to more than just what were the former water boards and which were now water companies since privatisation.

Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Consequential loss is excluded

Regina v The Law Society, Ex parte Reigate Projects and Others

Regina v The Law Society, Ex parte Reigate Projects and Others

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Otton

[Judgment February 11]

The Law Society in operating its compensation fund was not obliged to compensate people for consequential economic loss and had not fettered its discretion in having guidelines that as a general rule such losses were outside the scope of the scheme.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing two applications by Reigate Projects Ltd and associated companies against decisions of the adjudication committee of the Law Society refusing to meet the applicants' claims for compensation in full.

Section 36 of the Solicitors Act 1974 provides: "(1) The fund known as the 'Compensation Fund' shall be maintained and administered . . .

"(2) Where the Council are satisfied — (a) that a person has suffered . . . loss in consequence of dishonesty on the part of a solicitor . . . in connection with that solicitor's practice . . . or in connection with any trust of which that solicitor is or formerly was a trustee . . ."

Mr Kenneth Hamer for Reigate Projects; Mr Jonathan Harvie for the Law Society.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that certain features were easy to identify and capable of being stated as principles. They were:

1 The Law Society was entitled, provided it made known what it was and that it was reasonable, to have a policy for administering the compensation fund

2 It had a discretion to deny or to accept in whole or in part any claim made upon the compensation fund

3 It could not unwarrantably fetter that discretion

4 It had to provide reasons for its decisions, and

5 It had to consider the whole of the representations of a claimant but it was not bound to hear him in person.

Those principles were to be viewed in the light of a proper construction of section 36(2)(a) of the Solicitors Act 1974.

As to that, his Lordship was not able to accept an argument which was tantamount to saying that the expression "loss in consequence of dishonesty" connoted an almost boundless area of consequences which were hardly to be circumscribed except by notions of the like of foreseeability and remoteness, those well worn tests used for determining liability to pay damages in civil actions based on negligence.

It was unthinkable that Parliament should have intended to saddle the Law Society with maintaining a compensation fund to meet claims founded upon such a basis.

The construction placed upon section 36(2)(a) by the Law Society was correct. The loss referred to resulting from a solicitor's dishonesty was the loss to the client of moneys entrusted to him for the client's purposes.

If that was right there was nothing wrong with the Law Society's policy, nor with the committee's exercise of discretion.

His Lordship had considerable sympathy for the applicants. Whether the Law Society could take steps to protect and reimburse such people in the future was something the society might wish to reconsider.

Mr Justice Otton agreed.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard for Kelly Nichols & Blayney, Watford; Charles Russell Williams & James.

Compensation awarded after union expulsion

Bradley and Others v National and Local Government Officers Association

Before Mr Justice Wood, Mr T. H. Jenkins and Mr A. D. Scott

[Jugment February 14]

In the first case of its kind, nine local government employees were each awarded £2,520 compensation for injury to feelings as a result of having been expelled by their trade union, Nalgo, for reporting for work during industrial action.

The award was made following an application to the Employment Appeal Tribunal pursuant to section 5 of the Employment Act 1988 for compensation for a breach of the applicants' right not to be unjustifiably disciplined by their union within the meaning of section 3(1) of the 1988 Act.

Mr Christopher Bradley and eight others, had presented applications dated October 11, 1989 to a Newcastle industrial tribunal requesting a revocation of the union's decision to expel them, alternatively, an award of compensation to be paid by the union.

The industrial tribunal made a declaration by consent dated October 23, that the complaints were well founded and in the absence of a decision by the union to reverse the expulsions, the applicants invoked the original jurisdiction of the appeal tribunal to claim compensation.

Section 3 provides: "(1) An individual . . . who has . . . been a member of a trade union shall have the right not to be unjustifiably disciplined by that union."

Section 5 provides: "(1) An individual whose complaint against a trade union . . . has been declared to be well founded may make an application . . . for . . . (a) an award of compensation to be paid to him by the union . . ."

Mr Keith Hornby and Mr Nicholas Vineall for the applicants; Mr Patrick Elias, QC, for Nalgo.

MR JUSTICE WOOD said that the applicants had put their claims under the following heads: disadvantage in further employment prospects as a result of their expulsion; effect on their pension provisions resulting from likely delay in obtaining another appointment, and injury to feelings.

The first two heads were misconceived. The likelihood of detriment to the pension provisions was remote and would not amount to a substantial sum.

Further, it was common for applicants for union membership not to complete that part of the form relating to past membership of other trade unions and the applicants' claim that future employment prospects had been damaged could not be substantiated.

Having regard to the claim for injury to feelings, it had to be recognised that the disciplining complained of was the expulsion. It was clear that injury to feelings and in some cases to health which had undoubtedly occurred arose from bulletins and articles published by members of the South Tyneside branch of Nalgo, which had amounted to a deliberate attempt to frighten the applicants.

That injury to feelings was the result of the calculated behaviour of some branch members after the applicants' expulsion rather than the result of the expulsion itself. The compensation should not exceed the minimum in by section 5(8), namely £2,520 each.

Solicitors: George Mills, Washington; Bruce Piper & Co.

Planning consent for demolition

Cambridge City Council v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another

Planning permission was required before undertaking demolition work where it was an operation which a builder normally carried out as it amounted to "development" within the meaning of section 22(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 [now section 55(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990].

Mr David Widdicombe, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division so held on January 11 in a reserved judgment in allowing an appeal by Cambridge City Council against the decision of an inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for the Environment who had allowed appeals by Milton Park Investments Ltd against two enforcement notices served by the council in respect of demolition work being carried out at 21 and 22 Milton Road, Cambridge.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the question whether demolition constituted development was a ghost which haunted planning law. The time had now come for that ghost to be laid to rest.

The inspector had erred. He thought that in no circumstances could demolition amount to development. That was not so.

Demolition was not development merely because it was part of a larger operation. Demolition was development because it was a building operation.

Sufficient security

Innovare Displays plc v Corporate Booking Services Ltd

"Sufficient security" for costs in section 726(1) of the Companies Act 1985 did not mean complete security but security of a sufficiency in all the circumstances of the case to be just.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice McCowan and Lord Justice Leggatt) so held on February 18, dismissing the defendant's appeal from Sir Peter Pain who, sitting as a judge of the High Court on January 25, had ordered the plaintiff to give security for costs in the sum of £10,000.

The defendant on the appeal had sought to have the sum increased to £147,655, which it estimated would be its costs.

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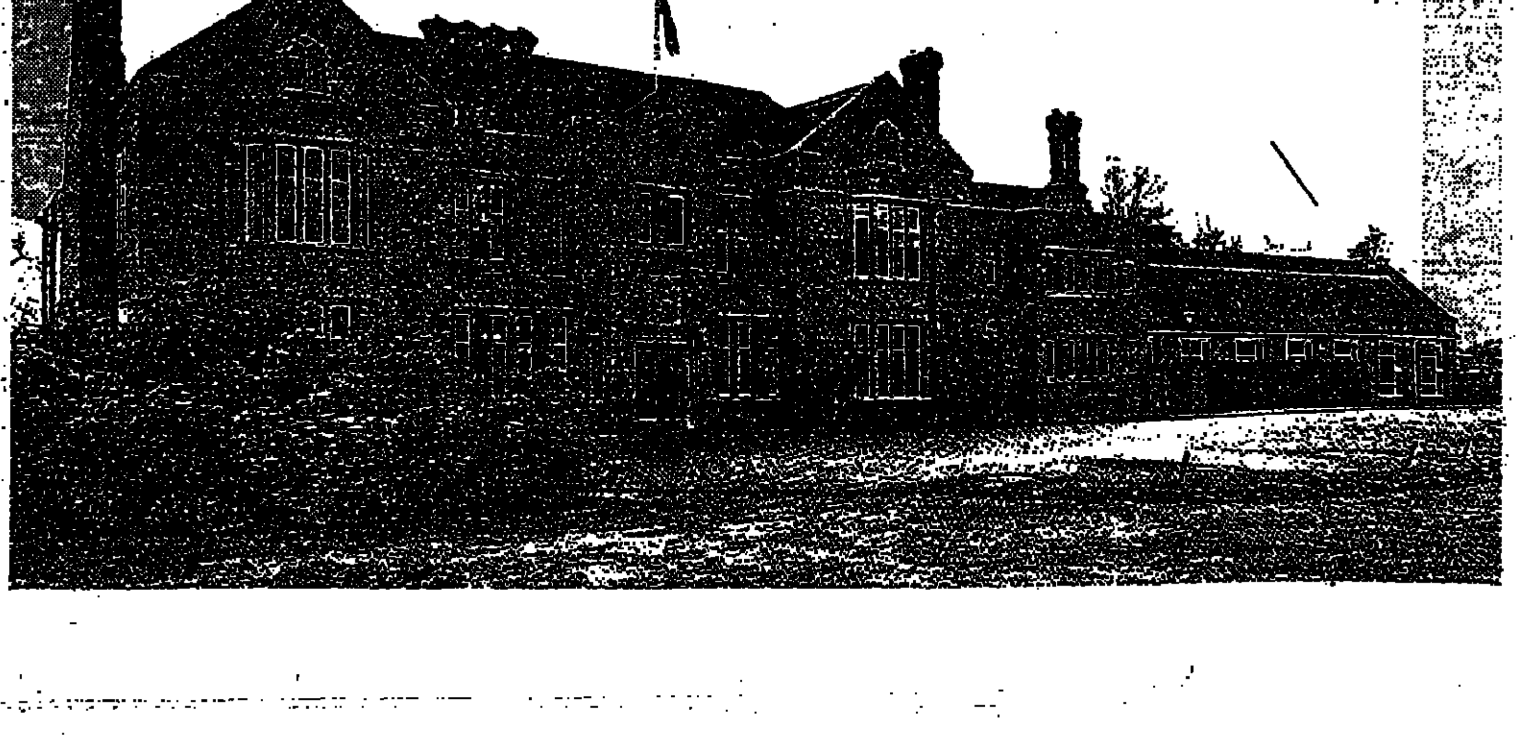

CRICKET

Hussain's century puts England A in strong position

From RICHARD STREETON IN COLOMBO

NASSER Hussain scored a disciplined 161 to make certain that England A finished better placed than they envisaged yesterday on the fourth day of the second unofficial Test match here. After England declared at 411 for nine, in reply to the Sri Lanka A first-innings total of 409, they took three wickets in the seven overs that they left their opponents to bat.

Sri Lanka were 23 for three at the close, and their position could be even more perilous. Dileepa Wickramasinghe, one of their main batsmen, took no part because of influenza and it is not known whether he will be able to bat today on the final day. The pitch was slower and gave the home spinners no help. Several cracks in its surface, though, helped the quicker bowlers and this should be in England's favour.

In view of the late successes the bowlers secured, it might be thought churlish to question the England tactics. Their original intention, hopefully, was to bat all day. They scored 59 in the morning and 62 in the afternoon from 29 and 33 overs respectively. It made for tedious watching and seemed excessively cautious.

After tea, the run-rate quickened against untidy bowling with the new ball, though it was not, apparently, a deliberate acceleration. Wickets fell and it was decided to ask Sri Lanka to bat before the end, and this delayed initiative was fittingly rewarded.

Hussain batted just over seven-and-a-half hours. It was an innings whose maturity and skill removed any lingering doubts that his broken wrist in the West Indies last winter might have left mental or technical uncertainties in his game. He scored 126 of the 186 runs England added during the day before he lifted a drive on the back foot into the covers. Hussain hit 20 fours and faced 355 balls.

Kuruppu seemed to underuse Wijetunge, the slow left-arm bowler, and Hussain used his feet with more confidence against Kalpage and Juranpathy, the off-spinners, than any other England batsman has previously shown on this tour. Attapattu's occasional leg spin was tried briefly but he was unable to find turn. Hussain invariably kept the ball on the ground as he drove, and near the end led the assault on the seamers when 50 came from ten overs against the new ball.

Newport, who scored only 13 in the afternoon session, defended resolutely and helped to add 138 in 55 overs for the seventh wicket. Newport, clearly playing to orders, came in shortly before lunch after England lost two wickets and their chances of approaching parity on first innings were in the balance. Thorpe mishit a catch to cover and Rhodes was beaten by Ahangama, whose movement off the pitch helped him to finish with five for 81.

Two good pieces of fielding by Kalpage brought Sri Lanka's breakthrough after Newport lingered for three-and-a-half hours for 35. Kalpage, in the covers, was the fieldsman when Newport was run out as he went through for a single after Hussain square drove. In the next over, he judged a fast-travelling, head-high catch well to dismiss Hussain.

Pick and Ilott, who each had four slips and a gully, pulled out all the stops as Sri Lanka made a shaky start to their second innings. Premasiri was caught down the leg side off his glove in Ilott's first over. Gamini Wickramasinghe was leg-before in Pick's third, when he was late against a ball that kept low. In the closing over, Pick had Karnain caught behind from one that swung away late.

SRI LANKA A: First innings 409 for nine dec (D S B P Kuruppu 168, M Attapattu 67, A G D Wickramasinghe 51; R A Pick 4 for 75).

Second Innings

*D S B P Kuruppu not out 15
H Premasiri c Rhodes b Ilott 4
†A G D Wickramasinghe lbw b Pick 0
S H U Karnain c Rhodes b Pick 0
R Kalpage not out 1
Extras (w 1, nb 2) 3
Total (3 wkts) 23

D C Wickramasinghe, M Attapattu, B R Juranpathy, C D C Edirimanne, F S Ahangama and P Wijetunga to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-15, 3-22.

BOWLING: Pick 4-0-14-2; Ilott 3-1-9-1.

ENGLAND A: First Innings

D J Bicknell c D Wickramasinghe b Wijetunga 40
*H Morris c G Wickramasinghe b Ahangama 2
M R Ramprakash c G Wickramasinghe b Ahangama 0
N H Fairbrother c Juranpathy b Wijetunga 71
N Hussain c Kalpage b Ahangama 161
G P Thorpe c sub b Kalpage 53
†S J Rhodes lbw b Ahangama 4
P J Newport run out 35
I D K Salisbury c G Wickramasinghe b Ahangama 1
M C Ilott not out 4
Extras (b 9, lb 14, w 5, nb 12) 40
Total (9 wkts dec) 411

R A Pick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-12, 3-120, 4-138, 5-252, 6-265, 7-403, 8-403, 9-411.

BOWLING: Edirimanne 31-8-84-0; Ahangama 29.5-8-81-5; Karnain 9-3-26-0; Kalpage 54-21-85-1; Juranpathy 12-4-27-0; Wijetunga 32-6-82-2; Attapattu 5-4-3-0.

Umpires: W A U Wickramasinghe and B C Cooray.

A debate may be called for

By IVO TENNANT

EVEN though Warwickshire's cricket committee survived a vote of no confidence at its fractious annual general meeting on Monday night, its difficulties are not over yet. Assuming Bob Evans, its former chairman, does not resign from the general committee, he is likely to press for a debate on the resolutions he withdrew.

These are that the general committee be reduced from 20 members to 15 and that no more than two former employees of the club should sit on the general committee at one time.

Evans, who was deposed as club chairman in December, will decide in the next few days whether to stand again for election next week.

Mike Smith, the former England captain, who is to stand down as chairman, spoke against the resolution of no confidence in the cricket committee. So, too, did Dennis Amiss, another former England batsman, who said certain players had been unwilling to sign new contracts for fear of the wrong people being in charge of the club.

The motion, tabled after the resignation earlier this winter of Bob Cottam, Warwickshire's coach, was defeated by 905 votes to 569. A working party is to consider restructuring the cricket committee, which has a new chairman in Amiss.

The one resolution put forward by Evans and Peter Bromage, who was dismissed in December as chairman of the general purposes and financial sub-committee, was defeated. This was that no member of the general committee should serve for more than 15 years.

Evans said he had no regrets over the course of his action, which to an extent was vindicated by around 5,000 of Warwickshire's 6,500 members abstaining from voting on both issues. Evans may press also for more discussions on a possible compromise on the limit of general committee service.

- Ian Folley, the left-arm spinner released by Lancashire last autumn after a long struggle with his bowling action, was yesterday offered the chance by Derbyshire to resurrect his career. The spinner, aged 28, took career-best match figures of 12 for 57 against Warwickshire at Southport in 1987 to earn his county cap.

West Indians fall to Hughes's pace

BASSETERRE, St Kitts (Agencies) — Merv Hughes, the Australian fast bowler, took four wickets for six runs to wrap up the second innings of the West Indies President's XI here yesterday. Resuming at 120 for six on the final day, they were bowled out for 147 to leave the Australians requiring 247 from their second innings to win. At lunch, the touring side were 15 for no wicket.

Hughes, who took five wickets for 36 to finish with match figures of nine for 126, cleaned up the President's side's tail in 4.5 overs. The last seven wickets fell for 34 runs, giving the Australians a psychological fillip in the first match of their tour against a team containing many hopefuls for the coming Test series.

On Monday, Steve Waugh's unbeaten 96 helped the visitors reach 233 in their first innings from 173 for six overnight. He was deprived of a deserved century when he ran out of partners. His 96 contained 11 fours and spanned more than four hours.

Hughes made the early breakthrough when the West Indians batted again, trapping Joseph for two with nine runs on the board. Arthurton, top scorer in the first innings, made a fluent 45 including six fours and a six, but he was trapped leg-before to the off-spinner, Peter Taylor.

PRESIDENT'S XI: First Innings 332 (K L T Arthurton 93, P V Simmons 71, A H Gray 58; M R Whitney five for 114, M G Hughes four for 80).

Second Innings

P V Simmons c sub b Whitney 20
D A Joseph lbw b Hughes 2
*R B Richardson b Taylor 8
K L T Arthurton lbw b Taylor 45
C A Best b M Waugh 22
R I C Holder c Veletta b M Waugh 1
R C Haynes c Taylor b Hughes 14
†D Williams c S Waugh b Hughes 9
A H Gray lbw b Hughes 2
W K M Benjamin not out 2
B P Patterson c Veletta b Hughes 2
Extras (b 14, lb 2, nb 4) 20
Total 147

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-30, 3-54, 4-105, 5-109, 6-110, 7-125, 8-138, 9-139.

BOWLING: Hughes 11.5-1-36-5; Whitney 16-4-37-1; P Taylor 15-5-30-2; M Waugh 10-1-28-2.

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings

M A Taylor b Benjamin 16
G R Marsh lbw b Patterson 1
D C Boon c Williams b Gray 25
M E Waugh c Best b Patterson 41
S R Waugh not out 96
†M R J Veletta run out 4
*A R Border c Williams b Benjamin 4
P L Taylor b Patterson 16
M G Hughes c Holder b Patterson 6
M R Whitney lbw b Benjamin 6
T M Alderman absent ill 0
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 1, nb 13) 18
Total 233

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-38, 3-63, 4-122, 5-146, 6-157, 7-195, 8-213, 9-233.

BOWLING: Patterson 25-4-62-4 (7 nb); Gray 16-1-52-1 (6 nb); Benjamin 16.2-4-40-3 (1 w); Haynes 21-0-75-0.

Series hopes dashed

AUCKLAND — England Under-19, looking for a win to level the series against New Zealand, were frustrated by rain on the first day of their third and final youth international at Eden Park yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes). Play was limited to seven overs in the morning session.

The start had already been delayed one hour by the presence of four large beer fridges in the outfield, a legacy of Saturday's one-day international between the senior England and New Zealand teams.

For New Zealand Under-19, Radford and Warren scored 19 without loss.

England made two changes. Russell Warren replaced Mark Butcher in the batting line-up, and Stephen Bartle came in for Philip Weston, who was suffering shin soreness.

ENGLAND UNDER-19: T A Radford, R J Warren, J P Crawley (captain), B Smith, Aftab Habib, M J Lowrey, S Bartle, G Chapple, C J Hawkes, A D Shaw, M Broadhurst.

NEW ZEALAND UNDER-19: S Blackmore, M Hart, L Howell (captain), S Fleming, N Astle, G Stead, R Hart, D Nash, J Wilson, K Brown, J Paul.

Hick's hundred made to order for England

OVERSEAS CRICKET by SIMON WILDE

ENGLAND'S days of waiting are over. The next time the national team takes the field, Graeme Hick, long held as its saviour, will be eligible for inclusion. While England were losing in Auckland in the last match of their winter tour on Saturday, Hick, with saintly timing, was completing his first century in 14 first-class innings for Queensland, against Tasmania in Hobart.

Whether England, who are desperate to shore up their fragile batting with a reliable No. 3, get what they expect is another matter. Hick, who has been earmarked for this onerous task, has been struggling so badly at first wicket down for Queensland that in Hobart he was dropped to No. 4. His success might encourage him to want to stay there.

Hick's hundred helped Queensland take first-innings points and move into joint second place in the Sheffield Shield table. Victoria, the leaders, hold a strong advantage, having lost only two players to Australia's tour party in the Caribbean. That is fewer than any of their chief rivals, Queensland (four), Western Australia (four) and New South Wales (five).

The Ranji Trophy programme is in chaos after an appeal by Delhi against their elimination from the tournament for using an ineligible umpire in a home tie last month. Two quarter-finals have been delayed pending a hearing next Tuesday, and the final may not be played until April.

Bengal, the holders, were themselves facing elimination yesterday, after Karna Taka amassed 791 for six declared. Karna Taka's four century-makers included Arjun Raja, aged 22, who made 267, and Syed Kirmani, aged 41, the former Test wicketkeeper.

Jamaica won the Geddes Grand Trophy, the Caribbean's limited-overs competition, when they passed Leeward Islands' total of 228 with a ball to spare. They had won their two previous, rain-affected, matches chasing targets of only 54 and 83.

Bahawal Pur, whose chief claim to fame is having conceded the highest first-class innings on record (499 by Hanif Mohammad), barely managed to take the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy final, against Karachi Whites, into a fourth day. Asif Mujtaba, the Test all-rounder, hit 193 for the winners.

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An instinctive master of the game

Michael Seely looks at the career of Fulke Walwyn, one of the greatest National Hunt trainers, who has died at the age of 80

FULKE Walwyn, a legend in his lifetime and certain to remain one for as long as men gather to talk about great steeplechasers and their deeds of daring, died peacefully at his home in Upper Lambourn on Monday evening at the age of 80.

Cath, the trainer's widow, who took over the licence on her husband's retirement last season, said yesterday: "The Queen Mother was here yesterday, looking at her horses and Fulke talked to her. I telephoned her in the evening after he died. He died very peacefully. He's been ill for some time and last week he had been very ill. He had a wonderful life and wonderful success. He trained so many good horses, but I think that Mandarin was always his favourite."

A member of the gifted family of passionate horse lovers from Monmouthshire, Walwyn channelled his emotions and energies into racing from an early age. When riding Reynoldstown to the second of the horse's two Grand National victories in 1936, despite losing his whip on the first circuit and a stirrup iron on the second, he had already been champion amateur twice in five seasons.

Walwyn's career spanned six colourful decades, packed with extraordinary achievement, excitement and at times riotous living.

A bad fall at Ludlow having put paid to his career as a jockey in 1938, he first took out a training licence in 1939. However, the war gave little scope for such activities and his new career only started to bloom in the late Forties and early Fifties.

Walwyn's achievements speak for themselves. Mandarin, Mill House, The Dikler, Charlie Potheen and Diamond Edge were but five giants of the past who contributed towards the trainer's record of four Cheltenham Gold Cups, two Champion Hurdles, seven Hennessy Cognac Gold Cups and seven Whitbread Gold Cups among the host of big-race wins.

The gallant little Mandarin, winner of the inaugural running of the Hennessy in 1957, also won the Cheltenham Gold Cup, two King VI Chases and finished second in three Whitbreads. But undoubtedly the most memorable occasion was that sweltering June afternoon in Paris when Fred Winter rode Mandarin to victory by a short head in the 1962 Grand Steeplechase de Paris after the horse's bridle had broken in half at the third fence.

On the death of Peter Cazalet, Walwyn took over the Queen Mother's horses in 1973. For racing's best loved owner, he won 21 races with Game Spirit and a Schweppes Gold Trophy with Tammuz.

But the most historic moment came when Kevin Mooney drove Special Cargo up the Sandown hill to beat Lettoch by a short head with Diamond Edge, attempting to win his third Whitbread at the age of 13, only inches away third.

Walwyn's handling of these two horses epitomised his patient training skills.

Walwyn must rank alongside all the great National Hunt trainers in history. But as a preparer of horses, generally with a long history of leg trouble, to win at the first time of asking he was supreme. And his record in this field is unsurpassed. He once attributed it to "my luck in starting training with bad horses."

Ron Barry, who drove The Dikler to that unforgettable short head win over Pendil in the 1973 Cheltenham Gold Cup, and Stan Mellor who also rode frequently for the Saxon House stable, were among jockeys of that era to pay tribute.

However, Bill Smith, who, in ten years as first jockey to the stable, shared in many of the triumphs, including those of Diamond Edge, gave this evaluation of Fulke Thomas Tyndall Walwyn, a truly remarkable man.

"He really was a genius. When someone dies they always say how great he was. But it was said about Fulke before he died. He could train horses to the day and the hour. Winning the 1981 Hennessy first time out with Diamond Edge was one example.

"He could save horses for a long time and for those with fragile legs, he would cover the legs and look after them. But he still managed to get them 100 per cent on the day."

Smith added: "He was fiercely loyal to his jockeys but also very fierce to anybody if anything went wrong. You knew exactly where you were with him, none of this behind-your-back talking. It was straight out and straight to the point. But if he had a criticism of you, you knew it without any doubt and also if you had done well. There were no grey areas with Fulke Walwyn.

"I never rode for anyone who equalled his training ability. But the extraordinary thing about him was that he couldn't tell you what he was doing or why. Some people follow a plan but not Fulke, he followed his instinct."

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Teachers striding out on learning curve for marathon

Clocking up the miles: Bruce-Ball and Hesketh ignore the weather as they get in shape for the marathon

Double act chases a common goal

By ALIX RAMSAY

"OTHER people win a Caribbean cruise or a new car — we win a place in the London Marathon." Janet Hesketh and Susan Bruce-Ball make an unlikely pair of long-distance runners. Until the bug bit them, they regarded exercise as something other people did. Now they form an inseparable double act, racking up the miles on the roads in and around Cambridge and preparing for their finest hour with a great deal of determination and a fair share of trepidation.

Their aim is to raise £5,000 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Motor Neurone Disease is incurable and, last year, Hesketh's mother died from it. It was during her mother's illness two years ago that Hesketh got the idea to start running for charity when she saw the marathon on television.

"They interviewed a man with the disease who was running to raise £4,000 for research," Hesketh said. "I was deeply affected by what he said and immediately asked my husband, 'Shall I run the marathon or shall you?' The children said I should do it, which wasn't the answer I really wanted."

By chance, she mentioned this to her friend and discovered that Bruce-Ball had had a secret yearning to run the marathon for years. And so they began, two teachers in their forties trying not to be noticed by friends, neighbours and pupils as they got to grips with the rigours of training.

"There was a wonderful moment when we discovered we could talk and run at the same time," Hesketh said. "Now we chat all the way. With four teenagers between us, it's a marvellous chance to sort out their problems."

Their friendship has grown stronger through their running, with Hesketh providing the initial driving force and Bruce-Ball the commonsense. "Sue has talked and run me through a lot and now I can't sort out our friendship from our running," Hesketh said.

They have set their target time at five-and-a-half hours. "It doesn't matter how much we train we are not going to get any faster, but we will finish," Bruce-Ball said. While they are modest about their athletic abilities they have got their sponsorship strategy sewn up. "We've got to be humble and pathetic to get people to sponsor us," Hesketh said. "But people know we did a half marathon last March, so it's not as if we're getting them to give us £10 a mile thinking we'll only run three miles. We're not that dishonest," Bruce-Ball said.

Both sets of husbands and children have taken to the cause and now offer encouragement and support liberally sprinkled with jokes and wisecracks, but the dedicated duo take it all in their stride. "I don't mind so much if people see us running from the front, it's when they see us from behind that I worry," Bruce-Ball said. "We're not being frivolous about the marathon. We're running for a serious purpose, but it has been a lot of fun."

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VOLLEYBALL

Malory's triumph is soured

By RODDY MACKENZIE

TEAM **Mizuno Malory** had an eventful weekend both on and off court as they clinched their fourth successive men's first-division title in the Royal Bank of Scotland English League.

Victories over **Radio Trent Rockets** (16-14, 15-9, 15-12) and **Hilton Leeds** (15-8, 15-10, 15-12) were enough to take Malory out of the reach of both **Speedwell Rucanor**, who lost both of their matches at the weekend, and **Polonia**.

To dampen the celebrations, Malory were also punished for their part in an unsavoury match with **Aquila** on January 5, which was held up for 12 minutes in the third set after a through-the-net confrontation between players.

Players on the sidelines from both teams also took part in the fracas that followed, and a disciplinary committee has deducted League points from both clubs and imposed nominal fines.

Malory have been deducted one point — which still leaves them 11 points clear at the top — and fined £25. Aquila have been docked two points and fined £50.

"We're not happy with the decision," Jefferson Williams, the Malory coach, said, "but it has not done us any harm. We have no worries — the League is now finished for us."

Williams is still concerned about his team's form. "What worries me is that we've never been asked to go into overdrive and, if we're ever asked to, then I'm not sure how we'll react," he said.

Malory hope to represent England in the European Cup next season but, Williams said, it will all boil down to how much money the London club can raise through sponsorship, having had their fingers badly burned when they last played in the competition.

The disciplinary ruling will hurt Aquila more as they dispute a top-four position and a place in the play-offs with Polonia, Speedwell and **Reebok Liverpool City**.

Speedwell suffered at the weekend as they were without brothers Vince and Gary Joyce, who are playing in an all-expenses-paid international beach tournament in Brazil.

In the women's first division, **Mizuno Britannia** strengthened their position at the top by beating **Ashcombe Sabre Dorking** 15-8, 17-15, 15-4, and **Woolwich Brixton Knights**, their only remaining challengers, dropped a set to **GP Scorpions** before winning 15-9, 15-13, 11-15, 15-8.

Without a coach — Williams was preoccupied with Malory — Brixton paid the penalty for too many individual errors, and the set dropped could yet prove costly.

In Scotland, **Team Novasport** look unstoppable in the men's league after wins over **Krystal Klear** (15-13, 15-10, 15-7) and **Dundee** (15-2, 15-4, 15-7).

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Quarterbacks come under consideration

THE quarterback who will lead the London Monarchs in the World League of American Football is either John Witkowski or Lee Saltz (Richard Wetherell writes). While Witkowski has the advantage of NFL experience with the Detroit Lions, the Houston Oilers and Green Bay Packers, and was the Monarch's first pick in the draft, Billy Hicks, the general manager of the team, said they are similar in style.

Witkowski lists his main assets as being smart and his experience. "Throwing the ball is the strongest part of my game," he said.

Saltz played in the Canadian Football League in 1988 and 1989 for the Winnipeg Bluebombers. He expects "healthy competition" between him and Witkowski.

Whoever wins the quarterback battle will have Dana Brinson and John Horton as his wide receivers. Brinson appeared for the San Diego Chargers in 1989. Horton comes to the WLAF via the Canadian Football League and professional basketball in Mexico.

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

Shooters given open hand

By JANE WYATT

FOR the second year running, shooters with disabilities are to be almost fully integrated with their able-bodied counterparts at the British air gun championships. Organisers from the National Small-Bore Rifle Association (NSRA) and the British Sports Association for the Disabled (BSAD) had decided to build on the success of last year's event, when the two national championships were held in tandem for the first time.

Almost 400 shooters will compete at Cheadle Hulme, near Manchester, over the weekend, among them 35 with disabilities, some of whom will be taking part solely in the NSRA event. They include the former British women's air gun champion, Deanna Coates, Keith Morriss, the holder of the Accuracy International Trophy, and Stephanie Park. Other competitors will take part in both the NSRA and BSAD championships. Among them will be George Ridgeon, from Gloucester, hoping to retain his position as the overall rifle champion in the BSAD event.

Last year's overall pistol champion, Ray Spencer, from Camborne, faces tough competition from the former champion, June Golding, who has come out of early retirement.

Facilities and booking-in procedures will be shared by all shooters, who will also compete at the same time, rather than the classes for the disabled shooters following in the wake of the "main event". This represents an important advance in integration.

Ironically, wheelchair competitors, however well they do in the NSRA championships, will not be able to take part in the European championships, which are at Cheadle Hulme next week. They are still not allowed to enter international competition, where shooting has to be from a standing position.

SWIMMING

Thousands will take the plunge

THE British Telecom 1991 national swimathon is on target to raise £2 million for charity, with more than 16,000 people due to take part in next week's event (Craig Lord writes).

With entries still coming in, organisers are hopeful that 20,000 people of all ages and abilities will take the plunge at more than 200 pools throughout Britain from February 28 to March 3.

All proceeds will go to Childline and the British Sport Association for the Disabled.

Swimmers are encouraged to seek personal sponsorship either for the maximum 5,000 metres or for a 50 metres swim.

There is an entry fee of £5 per person or £12 for a team, and £3 for pensioners, the disabled or those under 16.

FENCING

Association moves to boost growth

THE Amateur Fencing Association has decided to restructure its membership. At the AFA's annual meeting in London at the weekend, membership categories which had been heavily subsidised were either abolished or priced realistically (a Special Correspondent writes).

The new arrangements will increase income, encourage growth in membership and further communication. This will please the Sports Council, which would like to see the AFA become less reliant on grants. International selection will in future be based on a points system involving nominated competitions, while coaching, including the areas of sports science and psychology, is to receive greater funding.

Kodak's sponsorship of the AFA, the benefits of which have been an upgrading of specialist publications, the creation of a picture library and support for fencers seeking sponsorship, will also continue.

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Run For Free can head Pipe double

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

TWELVE months ago, Martin Pipe and Peter Scudamore joined forces to win the Coventry City Novices' Trial Hurdle at Warwick with **Run For Free**.

Today, the same formidable combination returns to the Midland course with every hope of winning the even more valuable grade two Regency Hurdle with the same horse, as well as capturing the novices' event again, this time with **Tyrone Bridge**.

The only time that Run For Free has been beaten this season was when he trailed in six lengths behind Bradbury Star at Cheltenham on New Year's Eve.

But following earlier victories at Haydock and Chepstow, he was endeavouring to give 12lb to Bradbury Star on that occasion and I think that a swing of 9lb in Run For Free's favour this time will tilt the scales. In receipt of 7lb, Yorkshire Holly, Mary Reveley's much improved stayer, could actually turn out to be a greater threat than Bradbury Star.

The distance of the Coventry City Novices' Hurdle Trial should help to extract the best out of Tyrone Bridge again after that rather disappointing performance behind Change The Act and Viceroy Jester at Sandown last month.

He was racing over two miles that day, having already won at Wolverhampton, Sandown and Newbury, over considerably further.

Henderson: longer trip for smart Parsons Green

On the Flat Tyrone Bridge was placed twice in the Irish St Leger besides finishing second in the Ascot Gold Cup. That record places him in a different league to his rivals this afternoon. even above the useful and versatile Empire Blue to whom he must concede 12lb. And Empire Blue is still a maiden over hurdles.

The task should not be beyond Tyrone Bridge, provided that his jumping is not as sloppy as it was at Sandown last time.

Instead of Empire Blue, a more likely winner for the Lambourn trainer Nicky Henderson is **Parsons Green**, even though the useful Tildarg has also stood his ground for the Highfield Road Novices' Chase.

An easy winner over three miles at Nottingham and Kempton this winter, Parsons Green seems more certain to cope with today's longer trip than the free-running Tildarg, whose victories at Leicester and Sandown have been over 2½ miles.

That is the distance over which the Sky Blue Handicap Chase is run annually. It is a race that John Poynton, the chairman of the Coventry City football club, has won before with Raise An Argument, and is endeavouring to do so again.

This time, though, I feel sentiment should give way to reason in the form of another victory for **Romany King**, who would probably have beaten Auntie Dot more easily than he did last time over today's course and distance but for that bad mistake at the eleventh fence.

Following that heartening reappearance at Wetherby, where he carried on the good work from last spring, **Teaplanter** is now napped to win the second division of the Town Of Warwick Foxhunters' Chase. The first division should go to **Eastern Destiny**

Champion to miss festival

BARNBROOK Again, the reigning two mile champion chaser, will not be returning to the Cheltenham festival next month to defend his title.

His owner Mel Davies conceded that he would not be ready in time for the meeting, and the horse has been withdrawn from the Queen Mother Champion Chase and Cheltenham Gold Cup, although he will be entered for two races at Liverpool.

Possible South African link

By Richard Evans

SOUTH African racing may be beamed into British betting shops within the next few years as a winter back-up to all-weather cards, the big bookmakers' trade body said yesterday.

Until now apartheid and its political consequences have prevented bookmakers from being tempted to take coverage of racing in South Africa. Don Bruce, chairman of the Betting Office Licensees' Association, said yesterday that the changing climate could result in British bookmakers looking "hard at it and in more detail."

South African racing has obvious advantages to Britain's betting shops when bad weather scuppers domestic cards because of its timing and the quality and competitive nature of the racing. Some South African jockeys are also well known to home punters.

Bruce's comments to BOLA's annual meeting came as bookmakers took in the full impact of Lord Hesketh's speech in the House of Lords on Monday evening when the government minister said racing should stand on its own feet and not expect bookmakers to pay out vast sums of extra money to the sport.

Bruce, who attended the five-hour debate, said: "It was like a breath of fresh air and realisism after five hours of vested interests trying to feather their own nests."

In his speech to BOLA members, Bruce said the levy had now gone as high as could reasonably be sustained and any further growth in yield must be linked to increased turnover.

"I still believe that self help is the answer to racing's problems and that racing should spend less time talking itself into a crisis and more on dealing with the difficulties which any leisure activity is bound to encounter during a recession."

Bruce and Tom Kelly, director general of BOLA, confirmed that discussions with the Tote over a small stake, large return industry pool bet were progressing rather slowly. "If it was a BOLA project it would be on the market by now if there is a market," Kelly said.

Lord Wyatt of Weeford is pressing the big bookmakers to help pay towards the cost of betting shop equipment for the new bet. Kelly said: "Our view is that if they are looking for bookmakers to provide this bet to the public in the shape of agents it would not be appropriate for bookmakers to put up the capital as well."

The chances of a big million pound prize would appear to be in the balance.

SOUTHWELL

Selections

By Mandarin

1.55 Land Afar. 2.25 Trace Of Irony. 2.55 Singing Forever. 3.25 King Of Shadows. 3.55 Leading Role. 4.25 Franciscan.

By Thunderer

1.55 Snuggle. 2.25 Trace Of Irony. 2.55 Singing Forever. 3.25 King Of Shadows. 3.55 Santella Bobkes. 4.25 Howjal.

Going: standard

1.55 DESIGN CONTRACTORS JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,807: 2m) (6 runners)

1	2212	SNUGGLE 8 (D) M Tompkins 10-12	S Smith Eccles
2	3	BOLD MERIT 36 B McMath 10-10	A Carroll
3	942	LAND AFAR 14 J O'Shea 10-10	J Bryan
4		MARTINI'S COURIER 189F R Barr 10-10	J Corkell (7)
5	40	RED VICTOR 19 P Evans 10-10	Martin Jones (3)
6	90	MISS FLIC 8 J Bosley 10-5	M Bosley

8-13 Snuggle, 5-2 Land Afar, 11-2 Bold Merit, 20-1 Red Victor, 33-1 Martini's Courier, Miss Flic.

2.25 DESIGN CONTRACTORS SELLING HURDLE (£1,895: 2m) (18)

1	3035	SOLITARY REAPER 14 (D,F) C Beever 5-12-3	J Corkell (7)
2	01P-	DRU RI'S BRU RI 383 (CD) W Smith 5-11-11	D Casdell
3	P410	TRACE OF IRONY 2 (CD) Mrs A Knight 5-11-6	G Knight
4	4060	BISHOPSFORD 40 N Waggott 5-11-5	Miss T Waggott (7)
5	0044	ECHO ONE 14 (B) K McCauley 5-11-5	C Dennis (3)
6	0-P0	HARP OF GOLD 36 (B) M Pipe 5-11-5	M Foster (7)
7	6-P6	FOUR ALLS LADY 45 (V) J Wainwright 5-11-0	M Carter (7)
8	P-PP	HAVE A BREEZE 131 D Morrill 5-11-0	D Gilsrap (7)
9	P0P-	PRETTY PRECOCIOUS 100F J Birkett 5-11-0	A Jones
10	0PP0	SHAHRAYAR 14 B Crawford 5-11-0	S Turner
11	000P	DIAMOND SINGH 5F (B) J Wainwright 4-10-9	J J Quinn
12	5036	DUBLIN BREEZE 9 J Harris 4-10-9	J A Harris
13	09P	GREAT SERVICE 26 Ronald Thompson 4-10-9	M Leese (7)
14	0	MERSEY RACING 16 T Caldwell 4-10-9	Pat Caldwell
15	444	ZEPHYR NIGHTS 91 A Hide 4-10-9	S Woods
16	54	GUEST PLAYER 8 D Wintle 4-10-4	A Carroll
17	R602	HOSTESS QUICKLY 8 (B) P Hedger 4-10-4	I Lawrence
18	4463	STAR LEADER 9 R Hollinshead 4-10-4	Mr S Wynne (7)

9-4 Trace Of Irony, 9-2 Guest Player, 6-1 Solitary Reaper, 7-1 Harp Of Gold, Hostess Quickly, 10-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 14 winners from 29 runners, 48.3%; Mrs V Aconley, 6 from 13, 46.2%; T Thomson Jones, 4 from 9, 44.4%; R Hollinshead 13 from 37, 35.1%, P Blockley 4 from 14, 28.6%, B Preece 4 from 28, 25%.

JOCKEYS: Miss S Billot 4 from 5, 80.0%; S Smith Eccles 10 from 25, 40.0%; J Corkell 4 from 12, 33.3%; Gary Lyons 14 from 49, 28.6%. (Only qualifiers).

2.55 AVERHAM HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,804: 2m 2f) (11)

1	2021	THE THROW 53 (S) D Nicholson 6-12-0	T Jenks (7)
2	4120	FIERY SUN 25 (V,C,F) R Barr 6-11-12	N Wilson (7)
3	-2U4	ROSCOE THE BRAVE 99 (F,S) J Carden 7-11-8	J Carden (7)
4	02F3	MURPHY'S MAN 18 D Nicholson 7-11-7	M Rimell (7)
5	6111	SINGING FOREVER 14 (C) T Thomson Jones 4-11-6	Miss S Billot
6	0353	FIVE LAMPS 9 (C,D,G,S) R Dickin 11-11-0	B Leavy (7)
7	0/61	CLASSICAL QUARTET 23 (G,S) M Pipe 6-11-0	F Monnier (7)
8	542-	FEELING ROSEY 298 (G,S) D Todd 9-10-9	—
9	P33/	FOUR FOR UNCLE 650 (F,G) W Mann 9-10-4	D Verco (7)
10	6P3/	CARD PARTY 739 N Waggott 6-10-0	Miss T Waggott (7)
11	0P24	BURNT OATS 6 C Barwell 7-10-0	D Salter (7)

7-4 Singing Forever, 5-2 Classical Quartet, 9-2 Murphy's Man, 5-1 Five Lamps, 8-1 The Throw, 10-1 others.

3.25 CHURCH WARSOP NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,748: 3m) (10)

1	9451	FIRST LORD 14 (CD) Mrs V Aconley 5-12-0	J Corkell (7)
2	011	KING OF SHADOWS 14 (C) R Hollinshead 4-11-12	Gary Lyons (3)
3	0-P3	VINTAGE VELVET 22 (B) K Bailey 9-11-7	I Lawrence
4	5009	HUMDECOLA 9 B Preece 6-11-2	Mr S Wynne (7)
5	95-U	OCEAN ROGUE 19 P Evans 10-10-5	Martin Jones (3)
6	-000	SNOWY AUTUMN 29 J Old 7-10-5	W McFarland
7	4523	ROYAL MAZI 14 (F) C Beever 4-10-1	D Byrne
8	/P58	NOBLE RISE 14 J Bostock 8-10-0	Miss S Murgatroyd
9	6-09	GRAND OCCASION 8 D Thom 9-10-0	M Bowlby
10	P0/6	BIG COUNTRY 28 B McMath 8-10-0	A Carroll

5-4 King Of Shadows, 11-4 First Lord, 9-2 Vintage Velvet, 11-2 Royal Mazi, 10-1 Humdecola, 14-1 others.

3.55 EAST STOKE CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,575: 2m 4f) (10)

1	5321	LEADING ROLE 19 (D,S) M Pipe 7-11-12	M Foster (7)
2	11-6	SAND CASTLE 77 (CD,F,G) M Ryan 10-11-8	J McLaughlin
3	P09-	SANTELLA BOBKES 272F (G,S) J Birkett 8-11-8	M Hood (5)
4	30U3	PENLLYNE'S PRIDE 6 (CD,F,G) R Juckes 10-11-7	D Bridgwater (7)
5	3334	NEWHOLME FARM 9 (B) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-4	D Byrne
6	2835	NICE MANA 30 (F) P Blockley 6-11-4	C Kellett
7	P	SANTANO 6 J Pearce 5-11-3	R Goldstein
8	P6	KENNA COURT 9 R Hollinshead 4-10-12	Gary Lyons (3)
9	0-P	BLUEGRASS LADY 54 R Juckes 5-10-11	A Carroll
10	U635	STRANGER STILL 14 (V,F) B Stevens 4-10-9	W McFarland

11-10 Leading Role, 5-1 Newholme Farm, 6-1 Santella Bobkes, 8-1 Stranger Still, 10-1 Sand Castle, 12-1 others.

4.25 BATHLEY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,822: 2m 4f) (5)

1	13/P	FRENCH FLUTTER 19 (F,S) Miss S Wilton 8-11-10	S Davies (3)
2	6-63	SILENT RING 21 (F) P Hedger 5-11-7	M Richards
3	5612	HOWJAL 9 (D,G) J Bostock 6-11-2	D Byrne
4	6042	FRANCISCAN 8 (B) B Preece 4-10-1	D Bridgwater (7)
5	39-5	CARBON LADY 14 (D,F) J Harris 6-10-0	J A Harris

10-11 Howjal, 5-2 Silent Ring, 6-1 Franciscan, 12-1 French Flutter, 25-1 Carbon Lady.

Huntingdon results

Going: good to soft

2.10 (3m 1f hdle) 1, BANKER'S GOSSIP (R Dunwoody, 2-5 fav: Mandarin's nap); 2, Express Reale (S Smith Eccles, 10-1); 3, Sparkling Cinders (C Llewellyn, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Mister Gebo (f), 12 Venture Lady (4th), 20 Field Gate Lucy (5th), 33 Truly Smart, 40 Northern Steel (pu), 50 Cheshire Cove (6th), 66 Master Enborne, Sunny Baize, Landsker Oats, Thika (pu). 13 ran. ¾l, 10l, 7l, 20l, 2l. D Nicholson at Stow-on-the-Wold. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £1.80, £2.70. DF: £3.80. CSF: £5.65.

2.40 (2m 4f ch) 1, RUN TO FORM (M Pitman, 8-11 fav); 2, Paradise Park (E McKinley, 13-2); 3, Quick Reaction (R Supple, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 16 Freds Head, 25 Bartered (pu), 33 Bill And Coop (4th). 6 ran. NR: Devil's Valley. 5l, 5l, 25l, 15l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £1.70; £1.30, £1.70. DF: £4.30. CSF: £5.98.

3.10 (2m 100yd hdle) 1, CORNWALL PRINCE (D Murphy, 11-8 fav); 2, Bilocal (T Wall, 4-1); 3, Roy Hoobs (J Railton, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Knight's Spur (4th), 8 Alcsalil (f), 40 O'Beron's Daughter (5th). 6 ran. Sh hd, 15l, 6l, dist. N Callaghan at Newmarket. Tote: £2.40; £1.50, £1.50. DF: £5.80. CSF: £6.94. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.40 (2m 200yd ch) 1, GLEBE SPINNEY (S J O'Neill, 5-2); 2, Tribute To Youth (R Dunwoody, 7-4 jt-fav); 3, Hallo Matey (T Barry, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 jt-fav Roman Dart (5th), 14 Solent Lad (4th), 20 Hope End (ur). 6 ran. NR: Fred The Tread, Around Town. 3l, 30l, 15l, 15l. J Wharton at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £3.40; £1.50, £1.90. DF: £4.10. CSF: £7.40. Tricast: £57.57.

4.10 (3m ch) 1, ON THE TWIST (D Murphy, 5-4 fav: Thunderer's nap); 2, Sooner Still (N Williamson, 9-4); 3, Rich Remorse (R Goldstein, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Red Columbia (pu), 12 Rambling Echo (4th), 16 Rock Saint (5th), 33 Paddy Buck (pu). 7 ran. 20l, 3l, 10l, 8l. F Murphy at Woodbridge. Tote: £2.40; £1.60, £2.00. DF: £3.80. CSF: £4.69.

4.40 (2m 4f hdle) 1, SPIRIT OF KIERIS (M Pitman, 11-8 fav); 2, Emsee-H (D Murphy, 8-1); 3, Sprucer (J Duggan, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Killeshin (6th), 9 Captain Krayyan (pu), 10 Pelham Suite (pu), 12 Rajanpour, Podrida (pu), 14 Senamer, 33 Romany Split (pu), Holt Place (4th), Banana Boat, Krusevitch (5th). 13 ran. NR: Shadow Run. Sh hd, 15l, 6l, 12l, 1½l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £2.80; £2.00, £2.50, £2.40. DF: £10.20. CSF: £14.32. Tricast: £65.97.

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Lingfield Park

Going: standard

1.55 (1m 4f) 1, Scotoni (D Biggs, 15-2); 2, Puff Puff (6-1); 3, Macconachie (7-1); 4, Qualitair Blazer (12-1). Russian Red 4-1 fav. 16 ran. 3l, 2l. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £13.50; £3.10, £1.70, £1.10, £5.30. DF: £88.60. CSF: £51.73. Tricast: £312.63.

2.25 (6f) 1, La Masaas (Dean McKeown, 11-4); 2, Able Jet (9-2); 3, Paeidenamich (4-5 fav). 9 ran. 1l, 3½l. P Haslam. Tote: £4.30; £1.30, £1.90, £1.10. DF: £21.30. CSF: £16.08. After an objection and a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

2.55 (1m 5f) 1, Qualitair Aviator (G Bardwell, 10-1); 2, Fact Or Fiction (2-1); 3, Rosgill (17-2). Yesican 6-4 fav. 7 ran. 4l, 1¾l. J Bottomley. Tote: £9.70; £3.80, £1.70. DF: £13.30. CSF: £29.38.

3.25 (7f) 1, African Chimes (Emma O'Gorman, 11-1); 2, Gozona (20-1); 3, Assignment (11-2). Lambourn Raja 9-4 fav. 14 ran. 2l, 2l. W O'Gorman. Tote: £7.70; £3.30, £10.20, £3.20. DF (winner or second with any other): £2.70. CSF: £197.24. Tricast: £1,282.74.

3.55 (5f) 1, Jovial Kate (C Rutter, 4-1); 2, Iron Red (5-2); 3, Second Adventure (5-4 fav). 7 ran. 2l, 2l. M Usher. Tote: £4.60; £2.30, £1.30. DF: £5.80. CSF: £14.63.

4.25 (1m 2f) 1, Rowlandsons Game (A Munro, 9-1); 2, Immortal Irish (33-1); 3, Sarum (15-8 fav). 12 ran. 6l, 5l. D Murray Smith. Tote: £6.10; £2.00, £3.10, £1.80. DF: £35.40. CSF: £213.88. Tricast: £718.53.

Placepot: £100.00.

WARWICK

Selections

By Mandarin
1.00 Eastern Destiny.
1.30 TEAPLANTER (nap).
2.00 Run For Free.
2.30 Parsons Green.
3.00 Tyrone Bridge.
3.30 The Widget Man.
4.00 Romany King.
4.30 Makarim.

By Thunderer
1.00 Some Obligation.
1.30 Teaplanter.
2.00 Yorkshire Holly.
2.30 TILDARG (nap).
3.00 Tyrone Bridge.
3.30 Lemhill.
4.00 Skipping Tim.
4.30 Shamana.

By Michael Seely
1.30 TEAPLANTER (nap). 2.00 Yorkshire Holly. 3.00 Tyrone Bridge.

By Brian Beel
1.00 Some Obligation. 1.30 Teaplanter.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 YORKSHIRE HOLLY.

Going: good to soft SIS

1.0 TOWN OF WARWICK FOXHUNTERS TROPHY CHASE (Div I: Amateurs: £1,763: 3m 1f) (10 runners)

1	8/11181-	EASTERN DESTINY 305 (C,G,S) (E Griffith) Mrs J Griffith 13-12-8	A Griffith (7)	● 99
2	F112-	SOME OBLIGATION 310 (D,F,S) (J Upson) J Upson 8-12-8	D Costello (5)	92
3	P6PP/	BAY-EM-VAY 1285F (G Richards) G Richards 9-11-9	P Williams (7)	—
4	P0P82/	BRAVE ADMIRAL 832 (K Clark) K Clark 11-11-9	K Clark (7)	—
5	2/P0P3-	BRIDGETOWN LAD 364 (M Meade) M Meade 10-11-9	D McCain (7)	71
6	0000/	GURUVAYOOR 1973 (R Kernohan) R Weaver 10-11-9	T Eley (7)	—
7	00P/	LEGAL WIZARD 1432 (Mrs D Cheshire) Mrs D Cheshire 9-11-9	A Price (7)	—
8	030/	MILBIRD 830F (W Sim) W Sim 10-11-9	W Marshall (7)	—
9		SPRING SOCKS (Mrs G England) Mrs G England 7-11-4	K Cousins (7)	—
10	F/82-	TURN MILL 360 (Miss A Potter) Miss A Potter 10-11-4	M Hammond (7)	89

BETTING: 11-10 Some Obligation, 2-1 Eastern Destiny, 16-1 Turn Mill, 20-1 Brave Admiral, 25-1 others.

1990: EASTERN DESTINY 12-12-1 A Griffith (5-2) Mrs J Griffith 11 ran

FORM FOCUS EASTERN DESTINY beat Oakley House ½l at Bangor (3m, good). Previously 36l 5th of 25 behind Lean Ar Aghaidh in Seagram Foxhunters' Chase at Aintree (2m 6f, good to firm). SOME OBLIGATION 5l 2nd to Teaplanter at Huntingdon (3m, good to firm). Previously beat Master Eryl 1½l at Doncaster (3m 122yd, good to firm). BRAVE ADMIRAL a distance 2nd to Fib at Hereford (3m 1f, hard). BRIDGETOWN LAD weakened from 3 out when 23l 3rd to Sire Nantais in novice chase at Market Rasen (2m 5f, good to soft). MILBIRD one-paced 5l 3rd to Waikiki in National Hunt flat race at Plumpton (2m, hard). TURN MILL staying-on 8l 2nd to Night Safe at Bangor (3m, good).
Selection: EASTERN DESTINY

1.30 TOWN OF WARWICK FOXHUNTERS TROPHY CHASE (Div II: Amateurs: £1,763: 3m 1f) (9 runners)

1	F111-1	TEAPLANTER 18 (D,F,G,S) (R Russell) R Russell 8-12-8	R Russell (7)	● 99
2	2P13P-F	RODDEN BROOK 4 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs H Tuttle) Mrs H Tuttle 9-12-2	P MacEwan (7)	88
3	331P/P-	TOUCH OF FUN 377 (D,S) (T Warner) T Warner 11-12-2	T Houlbrooke (7)	—
4	P-	GROUSE MOOR 310 (R Collier) R Collier 12-11-9	J Cosgrove (7)	—
5	03444/	KONRAD WOLF 1047 (Mrs H Clarke) Mrs H Clarke 7-11-9	S Brookshaw (7)	—
6	32/6/F2-	LATE DELIVERY 294 (D Kench) D Kench 9-11-9	N Ridout (7)	94
7	/8/P3PP-	MARTIN THOMAS 296 (D Powell) D Powell 8-11-9	T Jones (7)	67
8	552500-	PEPYS 295 (G) (S Flurry) S Flurry 10-11-9	D Luff (7)	—
9	0/4	TSAGAIRT PAROISTE 18 (A Paterson) A Paterson 8-11-9	P Pritchard (7)	61

BETTING: 8-11 Teaplanter, 7-4 Rodden Brook, 10-1 Late Delivery, 16-1 Pepys, 20-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM FOCUS TEAPLANTER left clear 3 out to beat Bronze Head 20l at Wetherby (3m 100yd, good). Previously beat Eastern Chant 8l at Southwell (3m, good to firm). RODDEN BROOK fell at Windsor (2m 5f, good to soft). Previously beat Colcombe Castle 10l at Wolverhampton (3m 1f, good to soft), with LATE DELIVERY (7lb better off) beaten when fell last. TOUCH OF FUN beat Rough Estimate 30l at Cheltenham (3m 1f, good to soft) in May 1988. KONRAD WOLF weakened from 2 out when 18l 4th to Lockwood Prince in novice hurdle at Hereford (3m 1f, good). LATE DELIVERY 15l 2nd to Rectory Boy at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good to firm). MARTIN THOMAS 18l 3rd to Dawn Prince in novice chase at Taunton (3m, firm). TSAGAIRT PAROISTE 43l 4th to Sanballat at Stratford (2m 6f, good).
Selection: TEAPLANTER

2.0 REGENCY HURDLE (Grade II: £10,176: 2m 5f) (9 runners)

1	435-F32	PERTEMPS NETWORK 53 (CD,F,G,S) (Pertemps Ltd) J Jenkins 7-11-12	M Ahern	81
2	146-112	RUN FOR FREE 61 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (R Freethy) M Pipe 7-11-12	P Scudamore	88
3	6-12615	BRADBURY STAR 18 (D,F,G,S) (J Campbell) J Gifford 6-11-9	D Murphy	91
4	111-0F0	AUK EYE 21 (G,S) (Mrs H Richards) K White 7-11-5	G McCourt	88
5	1123-69	CALABRESE 18 (F,G,S) (Mrs A Fegan) N Henderson 6-11-5	R Dunwoody	90
6	63/5-105	JIMBALOU 25 (F,G,S) (M Davies) R Brazington 8-11-5	R Beggan	80
7	63-1016	RANDOLPH PLACE 21 (G,S) (Edinburgh Woollen Mill Ltd) G Richards 10-11-5	N Doughty	87
8	1F0-213	YORKSHIRE HOLLY 25 (BF,G,S) (R Wood) Mrs G Reveley 8-11-5	P Niven	● 99
9	41500-0	ROGERS PRINCESS 39 (CD,F,G,S) (R Smith) M Tate 9-11-0	D Bridgwater (7)	75

BETTING: 3-1 Bradbury Star, 7-2 Run For Free, 4-1 Yorkshire Holly, 11-2 Calabrese, 10-1 Randolph Place, 12-1 Auk Eye, 14-1 Jimbalou, 16-1 Rogers Princess, 50-1 Pertemps Network.

1990: SOMEBODY 6-11-7 Mr G Upton (16-1) J White 11 ran

FORM FOCUS PERTEMPS NETWORK eased down when 30l 2nd to Romany King in amateur riders' handicap chase here (2m 4f, good to soft). RUN FOR FREE made all to beat subsequent winner Fifth Amendment 20l at Chepstow (2m, good). BRADBURY STAR one-paced 11¼l 5th behind Rouyan in grade II Tote Jackpot Hurdle at Sandown (2m 5f 75yd, good), with CALABRESE (4lb worse off) 8¾l 7th. Previously beat RUN FOR FREE (9lb better off) 6l at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good to soft).
CALABRESE 5¾l 3rd to Old Dundalk in listed Rendlesham Hurdle at Kempton (3m, good), with ROGERS PRINCESS (same terms) 13l 5th. JIMBALOU beat Bolshoi Boy 5l in a handicap hurdle at Wolverhampton (2m 6f 110yd, good to firm) in December. RANDOLPH PLACE weakened from 2 out when 10¾l 6th behind Royal Astronaut in a handicap hurdle at Nottingham (2m 6f, good to soft), with AUK EYE (16lb worse off) 22l 15th. Previously beat Gay Ruffian 2½l in a handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m 4f, soft). YORKSHIRE HOLLY 11½l 3rd to the smart Crystal Spirit in grade I Bishops Cleeve Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good), with JIMBALOU (same terms) 5l 5th and CALABRESE (same terms) tailed off 8th. Previously beat Kings Curate (rec 21lb) ¾l in a handicap hurdle at Wetherby (3m, soft).
Selection: YORKSHIRE HOLLY

2.30 HIGHFIELD ROAD NOVICES CHASE (£7,457: 3m 1f) (15 runners)

1	112113	KILLBANON 25 (BF,F,G,S) (W Ebury) C Trietline 9-11-12	S Earle	85
2	P-021P1	TILDARG 18 (G,S) (M Oberstein) O Sherwood 7-11-12	J Osborne	● 99
3	63-0P21	GENERAL HIGHWAY 28 (D,G,S) (Mrs P Glenn) J Chugg 8-11-9	M Lynch	82
4	323-411	PARSONS GREEN 32 (B,G,S) (R Tooth) N Henderson 7-11-9	R Dunwoody	98
5	6-311FU	UNDER OFFER 32 (B,D,G,S) (Miss S Douglas-Pennant) P Bailey 10-11-9	M Richards	82
6	6-21253	BRADWALL 28 (D,F,S) (G Barlow) G Barlow 7-11-6	S J O'Neill	68
7	00-0P05	BASKET WEAVE 22 (CD,F,G,S) (J Sayers) G Balding 10-11-2	Mr S Mullins	62
8	60-0UF4	BONANZA REBEL 29 (V) (G Dunster) C Barwell 9-11-2	R Guest	60
9	604-4P2	CELTIC ORIGINAL 53 (The Crack Club) R Dickin 7-11-2	B Powell	83
10	364P-P5	COPPETT SONG 62 (D James) M Brown 9-11-2	J Brown	58
11	/412/F6	KRUGGERAN SMUGGLER 28 (S) (T Keogh) J Gifford 9-11-2	D Murphy	—
12	F0RP/P-P	MEAT THE FOULKES 29 (Mrs E Collinson) J Collinson 10-11-2	Mr R Davis (7)	—
13	14/10	ROLLING BALL 46 (BF,S) (Mrs H Clarke) M Pipe 8-11-2	P Scudamore	—
14	01/00	THE BRAVE GUY 20 (S) (Malicom Plc) T Casey 8-11-2	J Shortt	—
15	5862-4U	MISS MUCK 21 (S) (N Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-11	C Llewellyn	66

BETTING: 2-1 Tildarg, 7-2 Parsons Green, 4-1 Killbanon, 13-2 Under Offer, 8-1 General Highway, 10-1 Miss Muck, 14-1 Celtic Original, 16-1 others.

1990: PARTY POLITICS 6-11-7 A Adams (25-1) N Gaselee 9 ran

FORM FOCUS KILLBANON 7½l 3rd to Over The Deel in grade II West Of Scotland Novices' Chase at Ayr (3m 110yd, good). Previously all out to beat Whats The Crack 2l in grade II Aga Worcester Novices' Chase (3m, good).
TILDARG made all and left clear to win unchallenged from Calapaez in grade I Scilly Isles Novices' Chase at Sandown (2m 4f 68yd, good). GENERAL HIGHWAY ridden clear to beat Another Norfolk 12l at Wolverhampton (3m 1f, good), with BRADWALL (7lb better off) 15l 3rd. PARSONS GREEN beat Pragada 4l at Kempton (3m, good), with UNDER OFFER unseating 4th. Previously made all to beat Granny's Bay 10l at Nottingham (2m 6f, good). UNDER OFFER beat Lauderdale Lad 6l in a handicap chase at Wincanton (3m 1f, good). CELTIC ORIGINAL running-on neck 2nd to Fire At Will over course and distance (good to soft). ROLLING BALL well-beaten 7th behind Randolph Place at Haydock (2m 4f, soft). Previously made all to beat More Fool You 5l at Bangor (3m, good to soft), with GENERAL HIGHWAY (13lb worse off) pulled up 3 out.
Selection: KILLBANON

3.0 COVENTRY CITY NOVICES TRIAL HURDLE (£7,717: 2m 5f) (13 runners)

1	1113	TYRONE BRIDGE 48 (D,BF,S) (P Green) M Pipe 5-11-12	P Scudamore	● 99
2	21311P	BRIGHT SAPPHIRE 22F (F,G,S) (N Pay) D Burchell 5-11-9	D Tegg	88
3	121131	SECRET FOUR 39 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs J Sturgis) R Akehurst 5-11-9	C Llewellyn	94
4	04-21	SUPER SENSE 18 (G) (Miss N Hughes) J Gifford 6-11-6	D Murphy	79
5	U2-1125	BETTER TIMES AHEAD 49 (BF,G,S) (E Briggs) G Richards 5-11-6	G McCourt	93
6	2-2311	BOLANEY BOY 48 (S) (R Seed) J J O'Neill 6-11-6	P Niven	82
7	2/22-021	MONTAGNARD 21 (S) (N Gill) M Bradstock 7-11-6	G Bradley	78
8	14-2134	ROCKTOR 77 (BF,F,S) (Mrs G Watkinson-Yull) D Barons 6-11-6	H Davies	70
9	25/1341	SOUTH HARVEST 41 (G,S) (P Duffy) R Brazington 6-11-6	R Beggan	95
10	3414-51	SPRINGALEAK 20 (G) (Mrs B Samuel) O Sherwood 6-11-1	J Osborne	79
11	55-PUP4	BALLYANTO 50 (J Chard) Miss J Thorne 6-11-0	N Dawe	73
12	3F2-2	EMPIRE BLUE 33 (BF) (R Green) N Henderson 6-11-0	R Dunwoody	92
13	00FP	WOODLAND FLOWER 32 (Mrs J Dibben) Mrs R White 6-10-9	G Upton (3)	—

BETTING: 11-8 Tyrone Bridge, 9-2 Secret Four, 6-1 Super Sense, 13-2 Bright Sapphire, 12-1 Bolaney Boy, 14-1 Empire Blue, 16-1 South Harvest, Springaleak, 20-1 others.

1990: RUN FOR FREE 6-11-12 P Scudamore (5-2) M Pipe 8 ran

FORM FOCUS TYRONE BRIDGE rallied run-in when ¾l 3rd to Change The Act in grade I Tolworth Hurdle at Sandown (2m, soft). Previously completed treble when beating Burgoyne by 12l in grade I Challow Hurdle at Newbury (2m 4f 120yd, good to soft).
SECRET FOUR beat Par For The Course 8l at Ascot (2m 4f, soft), with MONTAGNARD (1lb worse off) a poor 9th. SUPER SENSE confirmed promise of reappearance 3l 2nd to New Duds at Ascot (2m, soft) when beating Young Pokey by a head at Sandown (2m, good). BETTER TIMES AHEAD appeared not to get home over 2m 6f in heavy ground when a disappointing 6l 5th to Young Miner at Ayr. Put up a better effort previously when 5l 2nd to Ruling at Haydock (2m, good to soft). BOLANEY BOY continued on the upgrade when beating Smith's Cracker 1½l at Haydock (2m 6f, soft). SOUTH HARVEST showed improved form when beating Its Nearly Time 12l at Wincanton (2m 6f, good). EMPIRE BLUE running-on 2l 2nd to Gran Alba at Kempton (2m, good).
Selection: TYRONE BRIDGE

3.30 WHITLENGE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,922: 2m) (13 runners)

1	300P/1-0	LEMHILL 21 (D,F) (P Green) M Pipe 9-12-0	P Scudamore	89
2	001610	SAGAMAN 21 (CD,BF,G,S) (R Bluck) L Codd 5-11-6	—	93
3	0063P1-	INSTANT TAN 305 (D,S) (J Poynton) J J O'Neill 7-11-2	J Osborne	93
4	PR1300-	ARTFUL ABBOT 289 (D,F,S) (P Thompson) J Webber 7-10-13	M Lynch	92
5	53-2101	THE WIDGET MAN 29 (D,G,S) (A Ilsley) J Gifford 5-10-9	D Murphy	95
6	1U443/F-	OUTLAW 431 (D,F,G,S) (H White) J Edwards 12-10-6	D Tegg	—
7	123312	PAPAJOTO 28 (D,F,G,S) (D Price) M O'Neill 6-10-3	D Gallagher	92
8	101/0-F	GREAT ASPECT 18 (D,F,S) (G Roberts) K White 7-10-1	T Wall	—
9	231-460	FIRST CRACK 61 (CD,BF,F,G) (D Pugh) F Jordan 6-10-0	J Lodder (3)	● 99
10	055F22	SHARPGUN 4 (D,S) (V Young) V Young 5-10-0	A S Smith (5)	97
11	013P0-0	BOCA CHIMES 28 (G) (T Whitley) D Gandolfo 6-10-0	P Harte (3)	79
12	0/0P-315	CAMDEN BELLE 97 (D,F,G) (B Edgeley) M Muggeridge 9-10-0	W Irvine	88
13	42-2303	FORCELLO 18 (D,G,S) (S Cooper) D Burchell 6-10-0	D J Burchell	79

Long handicap: First Crack 9-9, Sharpgun 9-7, Boca Chimes 9-2, Camden Belle 9-2, Forcello 8-13.

BETTING: 7-2 Sagaman, 4-1 Lemhill, The Widget Man, 11-2 Sharpgun, 6-1 First Crack, 8-1 Papajoto, 10-1 Instant Tan, 14-1 Artful Abbot, 16-1 others.

1990: GANOON 7-10-12 M Richards (8-1) P Hedger 17 ran

FORM FOCUS LEMHILL won Newton Abbot novice hurdle (2m 150yd, firm) by 20l from Hellovestate on only start last season.
SAGAMAN disappointing 38l 16th to Royal Astronaut at Nottingham (2m 6f, good to soft), with LEMHILL tailed off 21st. Previously beat Area Code 15l at Newcastle (2m 4f, good to soft). INSTANT TAN showed improved form on final start last season to beat Sherwood Gunner ½l at Ayr (2m, soft). THE WIDGET MAN ridden out to beat M I Babe 2½l at Nottingham (2m, soft). PAPAJOTO 3l 2nd to Va Lute at Wolverhampton (2m, good to soft). SHARPGUN 8l 2nd to Tilt Tech Flyer at Windsor (2m 30yd, good to soft).
Selection: SHARPGUN

4.0 SKY BLUE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,915: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

1	221232	AUNTIE DOT 39 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs R Wilson) J Webber 10-12-0	M Lynch	● 99
2	111114	SKIPPING TIM 45 (CD,F,G,S) (Miss H Bisgrove) M Pipe 12-11-13	P Scudamore	86
3	1PP-P84	CITY ENTERTAINER 44 (D,S) (J Wright) Miss H Knight 10-11-6	B Dowling	—
4	145683	ASTRE RADIEUX 6 (CD,G,S) (T Hemmings) S Mellor 6-11-3	M Perrett	93
5	F-P5315	BRANDESTON 89 (D,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 6-11-0	D Murphy	93
6	2-33111	ROMANY KING 39 (CD,G,S) (L Garrett) G Balding 7-10-13	R Guest	97
7	14003-0	RAISE AN ARGUMENT 32 (CD,G,S) (J Poynton) J J O'Neill 12-10-10	J Osborne	94
8	12PU-23	BOLD LAMENT 32 (D,G,S) (Lord Swaythling) N Henderson 10-10-6	R Dunwoody	92
9	0F52-43	GALA'S IMAGE 41 (D,F,G,S) (B Thackray) J McConnochie 11-10-5	J Shortt	93
10	11-2F06	WESTERN COUNTIES 28 (D,F,S) (Mrs A Smith) R Holder 12-10-0	N Mann	94
11	414-331	SIRRAH JAY 29 (CD,G,S) (Whitcombe Manor Racing) R Akehurst 11-10-0	C Llewellyn	93

Long handicap: Western Counties 9-13, Sirrah Jay 9-11.

BETTING: 3-1 Romany King, 9-2 Sirrah Jay, 5-1 Bold Lament, 6-1 Auntie Dot, 7-1 Raise An Argument, Skipping Tim, 10-1 Brandeston, 14-1 Astre Radieux, 16-1 others.

1990: MIDNIGHT TRAIN 9-10-5 B de Haan (15-8 fav) Mrs J Pitman 8 ran

FORM FOCUS SKIPPING TIM weakened quickly from 4 out when poor 4th to Twin Oaks at Haydock (3m, soft).
Beat AUNTIE DOT (12lb better off) 6l in December, and had SIRRAH JAY (7lb better off) 4l behind in 3rd the previous month when winning over 2m 4f on the same course.
ASTRE RADIEUX reverts to chasing after a couple of outings over timber, most recently at Lingfield (AW, 2m, standard) when 12½l 3rd to Tom Clapton. BRANDESTON clear last when beating Mr Entertainer 7l on penultimate start at Chepstow (2m 4f, good). ROMANY KING beat AUNTIE DOT (4lb better off) 1½l at Warwick (2m 4f, soft). Ridden out to beat BOLD LAMENT (8lb better off) ¾l at Chepstow (2m 4f, good) in December, with WESTERN COUNTIES (17lb better off) tailed off 7th. RAISE AN ARGUMENT 10l 3rd to Fingest on final start last season at Ayr (2m 4f, good to soft). SIRRAH JAY easily beat Kariwak 7l at Chepstow (2m 4f, soft).
Selection: SIRRAH JAY

4.30 EXECUTIVE BOX NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,086: 2m) (21 runners)

1	000-	ALWAYS AWAY 342 (A Stadler) C Trietline 7-12-6	D Poole (7)	—
2	4602	MAKARIM 34 (J Poynton) O Sherwood 6-11-10	J Osborne	88
3	1-210	BOLLINGER 27 (D,BF,F,S) (R Eliot) J Gifford 5-11-6	D Murphy	86
4	222	OSTURA 30 (S Squires) J White 6-11-2	R Guest	96
5	2125	SHAMANA 54 (D,G) (Lord Northampton) D Nicholson 5-11-1	R Dunwoody	91
6	35P110	PRIME WARDEN 21 (CD,BF,S) (Dr G Madan Mohan) R Holder 5-11-1	N Mann	95
7	1-15214	FAIRWAYS ON TARGET 18 (D,BF,F,G) (Target Taxis Ltd) Mrs G Reveley 5-10-13	P Niven	90
8	0-50230	SCOLE 29 (G Hubbard) F Murphy 6-10-13	T Berry (7)	96
9	2F3-60	MALAMUTE SALOON 29 (N Wellington) M Pipe 5-10-12	P Scudamore	93
10	004	MOYMET 25 (F Baxter) G Richards 5-10-11	N Doughty	82
11	00450-	ATLANTIC GOLD 321 (C Connell Ltd) J J O'Neill 7-10-11	—	—
12	60-04	SOCIETY GUEST 21 (Robinson Webster (Holdings) Ltd) A Turnell 5-10-8	S McNeill	98
13	2030	MUSICAL MONARCH 41 (S Williams) D Barons 5-10-6	H Davies	92
14	44P2-0P	FEELING BETTER 39 (R Tompkins) F Jordan 5-10-2	J Lodder (3)	90
15	3-0P0	STRONG SUPPORT 18 (D Dalton) M McCourt 8-10-0	G McCourt	87
16	F0010	RED RING 29 (CD,S) (D Crombie) J Webber 4-10-0	W Marston (7)	● 99
17	66-6302	COME ON TOBY 50 (B) (M Willey) S Cole 5-10-0	Lorna Vincent	91
18	6000P-	SNEVES 340 (G Jones) S Kettlewell 6-10-0	D Gallagher	—
19	0F0	CAVALCANTI 26 (B) (Mrs S Glover) J Glover 5-10-0	S D Williams (7)	—
20	RPR0	CASS MI LASS 44 (B) (C Bedser) E Wheeler 4-10-0	P Verling (3)	—
21	P-0000	LONELLA 83 (J Davis) Mrs R White 5-10-0	G Upton (3)	—

Long handicap: Red Ring 9-13, Come On Toby 9-10, Sneves 9-4, Cavalcanti 9-3, Cass Mi Lass 8-5, Lonella 7-13.

BETTING: 5-2 Ostura, 4-1 Prime Warden, 11-2 Shamana, 7-1 Scole, 8-1 Society Guest, 10-1 Fairways On Target, 12-1 Musical Monarch, 16-1 others.

1990: STAY AWAKE 4-11-3 R Supple (10-1) J J O'Neill 13 ran

FORM FOCUS MAKARIM 3½l 2nd to Billy Strayhorn at Taunton (2m 110yd, good to soft). BOLLINGER has disappointed since beating Mudahim 1½l at Worcester (2m, soft), with MUSICAL MONARCH (13lb better off) 5l 3rd.
OSTURA 7l 2nd to Triumph Hurdle hope Bottles at Leicester (2m, soft). SHAMANA 1l 2nd to Cheerful Times on penultimate start over course and distance (good). MOYMET 16l 4th of 18 to Royal Estimate at Ayr (2m, good). SOCIETY GUEST eased on the flat when 24½l 4th to Rhodes at Nottingham (2m, good to soft), with PRIME WARDEN (3lb worse off) 5½l 8th. COME ON TOBY 2½l 2nd of 18 to Dara Doone at Devon (2m 1f, soft).
Selection: OSTURA (nap)

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Mrs J Griffith	3	4	75.0	N Mann	6	16	37.5
R Akehurst	15	44	34.1	G Upton	5	23	21.7
J J O'Neill	3	9	33.3	P Scudamore	24	132	18.2
J Gifford	7	25	28.0	M Perrett	4	27	14.8
J Upson	3	12	25.0	W Irvine	5	36	13.9
M Pipe	28	129	21.7	R Beggan	5	36	13.9

CATTERICK BRIDGE

Selections

By Mandarin
1.45 Arial Star.
2.15 Clay County.
2.45 Bonanza.
3.15 Radical Lady.
3.45 Abnegation.
4.15 Marejo.
4.45 Snitton Lane.

By Thunderer
1.45 Arial Star.
2.15 Mowthorpe.
2.45 Fleet Footed.
3.15 Nautical Joke.
3.45 Abnegation.
4.15 Marejo.
4.45 Tavamaroo.

Going: good SIS

1.45 WENSLEY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,475: 2m) (18 runners)

1		HACKFORTH 119F (Mrs C Tinkler) C Tinkler 5-11-4	—	—
2	04	MARCH AHEAD 58 (P Piller) W A Stephenson 5-11-4	Mr K Johnson	61
3	0-05	PRESIDENT FREDDIE 22 (Miss K Rimell) J Leigh 5-11-4	Miss K Rimell	70
4	0005	SILVER HELLO 16 (J Park) M W Easterby 5-11-4	C Ryan (7)	62
5	05-0U	STAR OATS 51 (A Duff) G Richards 5-11-4	M Moloney (5)	—
6	650-	SUREST DANCER 254F (W Barker) W Barker 5-11-4	G Harker	75
7	05P-	WESTWARD DRIFT 302 (P Cox) G Richards 6-11-4	L O'Hara (3)	—
8		ZODE 221F (D & S Smillie) G Richards 5-11-4	B Storey	—
9	P0212	WAKE UP 23 (D,S) (Mrs J Ward) R O'Leary 4-11-1	L Wyer	91
10	-4P	MY MUSZKA 18 (Mrs A Watkinson) S Norton 7-10-13	R Garritty	85
11		SAGE BRUSH 134F (Miss A Smith) B Wilkinson 5-10-13	B McGiff (5)	—
12	351P	PERSUASIVE 25 (D,S) (W McHarg) J S Wilson 4-10-10	J Callaghan (3)	● 99
13	22	APPLIANCEOFSCIENCE 72 (Miss V Foster) G Moore 4-10-8	N Bentley (7)	84
14	U2	ARIAL STAR 19 (A Budge Equine Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-10-8	M Dwyer	97
15	00	HAROON 18 (Jim Ennis) N Tinkler 4-10-8	M Hill	—
16	454686	HOLDFORTH 23 (V) (R Coleman) Denys Smith 4-10-8	C Grant	78
17	480	ROMANZZINO 21 (Northumbria Leisure) O Brennan 4-10-8	M Brennan	72
18	600	WEST WITH THE WIND 18 (A Watson) J Johnson 4-10-8	NON-RUNNER	—

BETTING: 9-4 Arial Star, 7-2 Applianceofscience, 4-1 Persuasive, 6-1 Wake Up, 7-1 Hackforth, 20-1 Sage Brush, Zode, 33-1 others.

1990: KHARIF 6-10-11 J Callaghan (9-2) R Allan 12 ran

2.15 LEYBURN NOVICES CHASE (£2,368: 2m) (13 runners)

1	155322	CLAY COUNTY 40 (BF,G,S) (M Boyd) R Allan 6-11-2	B Storey	● 99
2	06	DEEP SPARTACUS 19 (W Stephenson) W A Stephenson 7-11-2	A Merrigan	—
3	P/FP50	LITTLE BRYMA 22 (Dr L Parry) L Parry 9-11-2	W Worthington	—
4	425-422	MOWTHORPE 25 (BF,F,G) (B Maher) M W Easterby 8-11-2	L Wyer	95
5	02116F	OFFICER GROWLER 26 (G,S) (J Ratcliffe) Mrs D Haine 7-11-2	—	—
6	00/086-0	PRECIOUS MEMORIES 123 (G) (J McCann) J Leigh 8-11-2	R Marley	—
7	024/400	SOTHEBY SOUND 18 (Mrs G Morrissey) W Barker 7-11-2	G Harker	—
8	41420P	STAGS FELL 47 (BF,F,G) (R Johnson) G Moore 6-11-2	M Dwyer	—
9	66223-F	SWEET CITY 84 (BF,S) (D Little) G Richards 5-11-2	L O'Hara (3)	—
10	341-62F	WAIT YOU THERE 47 (F,G) (H Alexander) H Alexander 6-11-2	A Orkney	93
11	U004-64	WHEELIES NEWMEMBER 89 (I Hamilton) Mrs A Hamilton 8-11-2	Miss P Robson (7)	85
12	025330	LINGHAM MAGIC 23 (J Swiers) J Swiers 6-10-11	Mr S Swiers	86
13	U30600	SVELTISSIMA 7F (G Bernacchi) G Oldroyd 5-10-2	C Grant	—

BETTING: 5-2 Clay County, 3-1 Sweet City, 4-1 Mowthorpe, 6-1 Wait You There, 8-1 Stags Fell, 10-1 Officer Growler, 20-1 others.

1990: FAMOUS LAD 7-11-2 B Dowling (20-1) R Lee 11 ran

2.45 RIPON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,998: 2m) (20 runners)

1	012446	WIMBORNE 18 (CD,F) (Wetherby Racing Bureau) R Bastiman 6-11-11	P Barnard	82
2		GOLDEN BEAU 111F (P Jillings) A Harrison 9-11-9	F Murtagh	—
3	3/580/5	HOCKLEY 28 (D,S) (R Jeffreys) G Richards 7-11-9	N Leech	85
4	15031-0	LANDSKI 25 (D,F,S) (D Neale) W Storey 8-11-9	N Smith	● 99
5	130/1F-6	LAVROSKY 23 (D,G) (W Imison) D Yeoman 7-11-9	P Harley	—
6	350123	PENHILL 21 (CD,F,G) (T Waite) G Moore 8-11-9	N Bentley	97
7	0FP0-00	SEMINOFF 29 (D Dunbar) P Monteith 5-11-9	M Moloney	65
8	PF-PP6P	CATHERINES PAL 53 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Breese) Mrs J Breese 10-11-7	C Ryan	—
9	528/132-	BATTLE STING 802 (F) (Mrs S Ward) Mrs S Ward 7-11-5	J Callaghan	75
10	011	BONANZA 50 (CD,S) (D Needham & Partners) Mrs G Reveley 4-11-5	P Waggott	86
11	380113	FLEET FOOTED 28 (BF,CD,F,S) (D Playforth) Mrs G Reveley 8-11-5	R Hodge	90
12	F00600	RARE LAD 20 (N Miller) N Miller 7-11-3	A Heywood	—
13	0	BLUE CONDOR 21 (J Savage) Mrs J Jordan 8-11-2	B McGiff	—
14	023/P/6	RUPERT'S DAUGHTER 47 (K Holder) Mrs J Jordan 8-11-2	C Quinn	—
15	6522	BANTON LOCH 23 (V,BF) (R Young) C Tinkler 4-11-1	W Dwan	87
16	/00-FP0	MYSTERY'S NIECE 25 (B) (R Layland) R Layland 8-11-0	L O'Hara	—
17	0U620-0	SKIPLAM WOOD 18 (Mrs D Lee) D Lee 5-11-0	J O'Gorman	77
18	8	PRINCE ALDO 5F (W Barker) W Barker 4-10-11	R Walker	—
19	FP	EARL GRAY 26 (W Jackson) Roy Robinson 4-10-7	—	—
20	4	DEPARTURE 47 (H Alexander) H Alexander 4-10-4	D Crossman	85

BETTING: 5-2 Hockley, 3-1 Penhill, 7-2 Bonanza, 6-1 Fleet Footed, 8-1 Banton Loch, 12-1 Battle Sting, 20-1 others.

1990: FLEET FOOTED 7-11-9 R Hodge (8-1) Mrs G Reveley 18 ran

3.15 BRETTANBY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,125: 3m 1f 80yd) (15 runners)

1	B4333B	NAUTICAL JOKE 48 (BF,F,G,S) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 12-11-10	Mr K Johnson	95
2	P-42F21	RADICAL LADY 19 (F,G,S) (N Mason (Farms) Ltd) G Moore 7-11-5	M Dwyer	94
3	1/04-PF2	GALADINE 25 (G,S) (J Lawson) M H Easterby 9-11-1	L Wyer	90
4	P-65046	BROWNHILL LASS 23 (S) (A Paton) R Goldie 10-10-10	G Scope (7)	80
5	P-4U03U	MAGWOOD 25 (S) (R Green) C Parker 11-10-10	B Storey	95
6	4/P4131-	TRAPRAIN LAW 284 (G,S) (J Stephenson) J Oliver 8-10-10	T Reed	87
7	31-2412	DUBIOUS JAKE 50 (B,BF,F,S) (M Oldham) R Woodhouse 8-10-7	R Garritty	94
8	223SP2	DORONICUM 20 (F,G,S) (Mrs B Ramsden) A Harrison 12-10-7	F Murtagh (7)	92
9	2-P22U4	CHIPCHASE 86 (F,G,S) (P Jackson) B Wilkinson 11-10-5	J Callaghan (3)	● 99
10	143/2BP-	BOLD SPARTAN 369 (S) (R Kirkland) J Oliver 8-10-5	G Thomson (7)	88
11	F5/2U12	BOW HANDY MAN 19 (S) (D Morland) Denys Smith 9-10-4	P Waggott (7)	98
12	33153-P	SUPER FOUNTAIN 84 (S) (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 8-10-2	—	95
13	13522-P	ROCKCLIFFE 85 (F) (Mrs J Askew) T Cunningham 12-10-0	N Smith (5)	94
14	PP45-3F	PRECIOUS FELLOW 125 (B,F) (N Miller) N Miller 11-10-0	A Orkney	—
15	1-322F4	STAN'S FOLLY 71 (F) (J Golding) S Payne 10-10-0	C Hawkins	85

Long handicap: Precious Fellow 9-10, Stan's Folly 9-7.

BETTING: 11-4 Radical Lady, 7-2 Galadine, 4-1 Dubious Jake, 6-1 Bow Handy Man, 12-1 others.

1990: THE WILK 11-10-13 C Grant (3-1) W Stephenson 7 ran

3.45 MIDDLEHAM NOVICES HURDLE (£1,475: 3m 1f 80yd) (19 runners)

1	5-02P	ABNEGATION 25 (J Henderson (Gateshead)) J Johnson 6-10-12	B Storey	90
2	P-00350	ANOTHER FOUNTAIN 25 (Mrs E Dixon) J Dixon 5-10-12	R Hodge (7)	68
3	/25/0-P0	BALINGLANCE 25 (R Layland) R Layland 9-10-12	N Leech (7)	—
4	P314-6P	BORDER OAK 61 (F) (I Pearson) J Charlton 9-10-12	G Harker	—
5	05	CAMEROON BAY 47 (Mrs S Catherwood) G Richards 5-10-12	L O'Hara (3)	—
6	00U/	FRIARS CROFT 658 (Miss I Forrest) B Mactaggart 8-10-12	M Brennan	—
7	6558	MEADOWVALE 29 (R Haggas) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-12	M Dwyer	72
8	61-3235	MERRY MASTER 39 (F) (G Lansbury) R Armytage 7-10-12	Gee Armytage	● 99
9	60-0223	MISTER MOODY 71 (J Hellens) J Hellens 6-10-12	A Orkney	79
10	04	MORGANS HARBOUR 21 (Minizen Ltd) K Burke 5-10-12	R Supple	76
11	P6/	MOYRA LAD 618 (J Parkes) J Parkes 7-10-12	N Smith (5)	—
12	P-44302	PALANQUIN 20 (R Fairs) W Reed 9-10-12	T Reed	82
13		PRICKLY NATIVE (Mrs K Ratcliffe) C Ratcliffe 9-10-12	Mr C Ratcliffe	—
14	F6	SHEILAS HILLCREST 186 (BF) (Mrs Y Stapleton) Mrs Stapleton 5-10-12	Mrs Y Stapleton	—
15	0/40FPP-	STAR OF ESK 335 (J Golding) S Payne 9-10-12	C Hawkins	67
16	0P46	SUNNY MOUNT 25 (W Stephenson) W A Stephenson 5-10-12	C Grant	76
17	10-3	THE CITY MINSTREL 27 (G) (Mrs J Turpin) J Edwards 6-10-12	N Williamson	83
18	P45045-	TIERIKI 302 (B Temple) B Temple 6-10-12	L Wyer	—
19	0/0-F5UF	KEONI 46 (S Taberner) G Moore 8-10-7	J Callaghan (3)	—

BETTING: 5-2 Merry Master, 7-2 The City Minstrel, 4-1 Abnegation, 6-1 Palanquin, 10-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.15 GRETA BRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,399: 2m) (9 runners)

1	1F-P305	KARENOMORE 21 (D,F,G,S) (Eastward B'stock Hldgs) M H Easterby 13-12-0	L Wyer	—
2	1323-23	MAREJO 19 (CD,S) (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 10-11-12	B Storey	93
3	F5-034P	JODY'S BOY 26 (CD,F,G,S) (R Swiers) R Swiers 10-10-10	Mr S Swiers	92
4	3-12FU1	VALENTINOS JOY 75 (D,F,G,S) (B Hutchinson) G Oldroyd 12-10-9	P Midgley (7)	93
5	4/0-1F25	CAVALIER CROSSETT 9 (CD,G,S) (E Caine) E Caine 10-10-7	A Orkney	● 99
6	454404	PRESSURE GAME 80 (D,F) (Minizen Ltd) K Burke 9-10-4	J Duggan	98
7	264502-	KNOCK THRICE 310 (CD,F) (W Lofthouse) B Wilkinson 9-10-3	R Garritty	93
8	3312P-5	STARJESTIC 51 (D,F,G,S) (R Higgins) Mrs P Barker 13-10-2	C Hawkins	94
9	/3/113-	NIGHT GUEST 497 (D,F,G) (J Fiddes) P Monteith 9-10-2	L O'Hara (3)	85

BETTING: 9-4 Marejo, 7-2 Valentinos Joy, 5-1 Cavalier Crossett, 6-1 Night Guest, 10-1 others.

1990: MAREJO 9-11-10 B Storey (5-2) F Walton 6 ran

4.45 AYSGARTH NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,475: 2m) (18 runners)

1	13-	SNITTON LANE 279 (F) (H White) J Edwards 5-11-12	Mr A Farrant (7)	—
2		BIRTHDAY PARTY (Mrs A Hamilton) Mrs A Hamilton 5-11-10	Miss P Robson (7)	—
3		MR SLATE (J Hellens) J Johnson 5-11-10	B McGiff (5)	—
4		MR SNEEZE EASY (E Daley) G Richards 5-11-10	D Berry (7)	—
5		OLD MILL STREAM (W Raw) W A Stephenson 5-11-10	Mr K Johnson	—
6		TAVAMAROO (P Carr & Partners) Mrs G Reveley 5-11-10	—	—
7		CRESTELLA (J Dalton) J Dalton 6-11-5	—	—
8		DANCING HOLLY (R Wood) Mrs G Reveley 4-11-0	R Hodge (7)	—
9		HAZEL CREST (A Budge Equine Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-11-0	P Harley	—
10		HORNBLOWER (Mrs I Bray) M H Easterby 4-11-0	L Mulleney (7)	—
11	0	MATCHSTICK CHARLIE 2 (M Easterby) M W Easterby 4-11-0	C Ryan (7)	—
12		NODFORM WONDER (D Eddy) D Eddy 4-11-0	F Murtagh (7)	—
13		COOL DYNASTY (Mrs M Kendall) Mrs M Kendall 4-10-9	Mrs M Kendall	—
14	0	GALA'S PRIDE 26 (J Cullen) J Parkes 4-10-9	N Smith (5)	—
15		JOYFUL IMP (Mrs E Dixon) J Dixon 4-10-9	Mr R Hale (7)	—
16		PIERS DELIGHT (W Lockey) B Wilkinson 4-10-9	J Callaghan (3)	—
17		STRATHRUSDALE (D Dunbar) P Monteith 4-10-9	L O'Hara (3)	—
18		WAXING LYRICAL (Miss A Bennett) J Norton 4-10-9	W Fry (7)	—

BETTING: 3-1 Snitton Lane, 7-2 Hornblower, 9-2 Tavamaroo, 5-1 Dancing Holly, 10-1 others.

1990: MUDAHIM 4-10-7 P McDermott (100-30) C Broad 19 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
N Tinkler	16	54	29.6	J Callaghan	7	32	21.9
G Richards	23	105	21.9	C Grant	28	160	17.5
F Walton	3	14	21.4	M Dwyer	21	126	16.7
M H Easterby	19	93	20.4	M Hill	5	30	16.7
Jimmy Fitzgerald	19	115	16.5	M Brennan	13	84	15.5
G Moore	15	93	16.1	R Marley	9	74	12.2

Clarke sends advisers back to think tank

John Goodbody looks at the interim report on PE and sport in state schools and explains why the education minister is unhappy with it

NO SOONER had the government published its working group's interim report on the future of PE and sport in state schools yesterday than it criticised some of the recommendations. Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, included a letter at the front of the 76-page report stressing to the group the issues he wants tackled when the final report on the national curriculum is published in June.

The working group, chaired by Ian Beer, the head master of Harrow and a former rugby union international, has been asked by the government to advise on the future framework of PE amid widespread concern at the decline of many activities.

The group, which includes a number of leading physical educationalists, among them Elizabeth Murdoch and Professor Margaret Talbot, as well as Steve Ovett, the athlete, and John Fashanu, the footballer, said that it acknowledged that present levels of physical activity among young people were sufficiently low to warrant concern about their health.

"The risk of heart disease can begin in childhood and a substantial number of children are overweight and have high levels of blood cholesterol," the report states.

The group wants the following recommendations to be adopted in the statutory PE curriculum:

First, the group believes that individual and team competitive games are an essential part of any PE programme and that this view is held by most schools. Pupils should learn the skills and gain the understanding which will enable them to take part in a number of team games, although it recognizes that it may not be possible for pupils to participate in full-sided games of normal duration in curriculum time.

Second, all pupils by the age of 11 should be able to swim a minimum of 25 metres and be safe in the water. The party considers that it is essential that all children learn to swim and have confidence in and on water, both to the purpose of survival and as a prerequisite for taking part in activities such as rowing, canoeing and sailing.

Third, children should have a balanced curriculum and participate in six categories: games, dance-forms, gymnastic activities, athletic activities, swimming and water-based sports, and outdoor education and adventure activities. However, from the age of 14, except for those taking PE at GCSE, pupils should concentrate on only three of these, including at least one chosen game and either dance-forms or gymnastic activities.

Fourth, the group wants every child to have the experience of expeditions. "It is a fundamental way of developing an appreciation and awareness of, and caring attitudes to, the environment." It wants every child to have one residential experience outside their normal environment during their school career.

Fifth, although the group puts the emphasis on pupils participating and performing, it also wants children to be taught how to appreciate and evaluate movement and how to "plan and compose" their physical activities.

Sixth, there are four main types of games which pupils should experience between the ages of seven and 11. These are the "invasion games", so-called because the players of one team invade the opposition's territory and examples of which are football, basketball and hockey; second, net-wall games such as tennis and squash; third, striking and fielding games such as cricket and rounders; and, finally, target games such as golf.

Although the group has been told the objectives and the programme of study should not be prescribed in as much detail as for PE as for the other core subjects, it plans to consider how much curriculum time should be devoted to PE and the resource implications for its recommendations.

However, Clarke yesterday voiced his disquiet on many of the recommendations, stressing that PE was a subject primarily concerned with activity and that it was essentially a practical subject. He wrote to Beer saying that, although the group said it had wanted to avoid using jargon, he was not convinced it had succeeded. "I attach importance to title which will be readily understood by non-specialist teachers, parents and pupils."

He also wants schools to be able to choose for pupils from the age of 11 from four of the six areas of activities, partly because of resource implications. He also questions whether money and time would be available for the teaching of swimming and dance and outdoor education.

He also warned the group that he saw no need for it to consider how much time was to be allocated to PE except what was likely to be "practical within the constraints of school time-tables." Because under the 1988 act, the government is "specifically proscribed from so doing."

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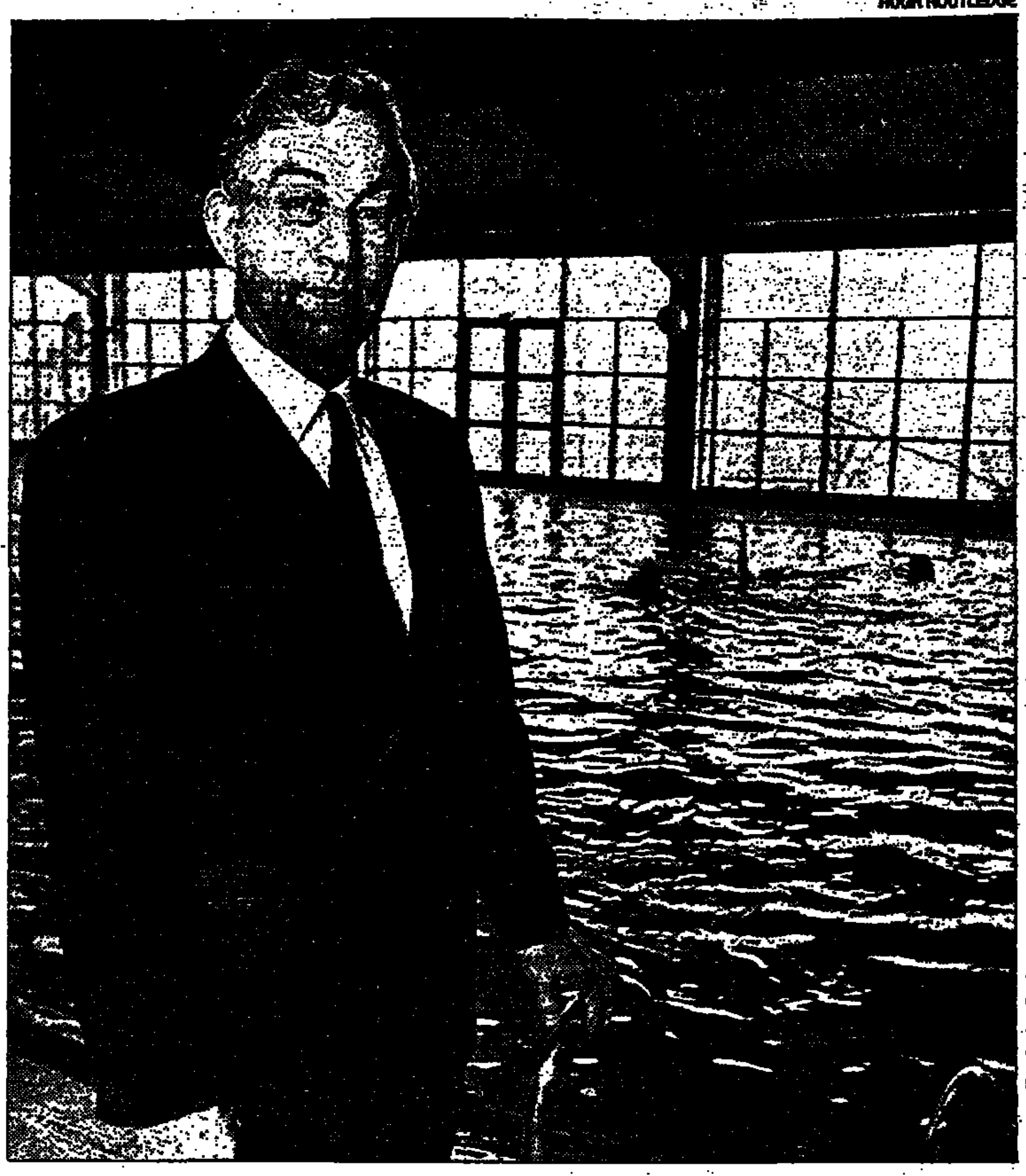

Into the deep end: Ian Beer, the head master of Harrow, who chaired the working group

HOCKEY

Defences control a close encounter

By Sydney Friskin

Cambridge University ... 0
Army ... 0

GREAT expectations were unrealised yesterday at Coldhams Common, where Cambridge University and the Army failed to solve their midfield problems and left the ground thoroughly frustrated.

The game resembled a kettle that wanted to boil and never really did. Defenders gave forwards little freedom and the few opportunities that the sides created were frittered away, the Army in particular being strangely astray with their shooting.

There were few thrills and no short corners in the first half. At the start of the second, Lloyd broke through sharply on the left and called on the Army goalkeeper, Johnstone, to make a splendid save.

After Cambridge had squandered their first short corner, the Army earned two in quick succession, Castledine saving on both occasions from Hazlitt. It was not long after that Jolly missed the easiest of chances with the Cambridge goalkeeper at his mercy.

For the next few minutes, Cambridge looked a little more assertive; Brown having taken over from Ogle on the left wing. But the power of penetration was lacking as much in one side as the other. In the closing minutes, Varnish just failed to score for Cambridge, his shot whistling past the far post.

Three yellow temporary suspension cards for questionable tackling were handed out, but the dismissals had no effect on the match.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: *T Castledine (Coventry School and Queens', captain); *P Hilmow (King Edward VI, Birmingham and St John's), *D Grady (King Edward VI, Five Ways and Fitzwilliam; sub: P Rimmer, Watford GS and St John's), *P Doel (The Perse School and Trinity Hall), P Harvey (Verndean VIth Form School and St Catharine's), J MacCormick (Auckland GS and Corpus Christi), N Barker (Kent College and Robinson), P Varnish (Coventry School and Churchill), I Hammond (Saffron Walden and Hughes Hall), *R Lloyd (Hitchin Boys School and St John's), *S Ogle (Manchester GS and Clare; sub: G Brown, Sale GS and Pembroke).

ARMY: 2nd Lt I Johnstone (REME); Capt P Bonell (RAEC, captain), Lt A Balgarnie (RE); Capt D Jones (RA; sub: Capt C Roper, RA), Lt S Hazlitt (LI), 2nd Lt K Jackson (RA; sub: Sgt R Wilkinson, REME), Maj M Benham (RA), Maj I Jolly (RA), Cpl M Bate (REME), Cpl D Antonelli (REME), Maj A Meakin (RA).

Umpires: R Allum (Eastern Counties), Lt I Bryan (Royal Navy).

* A Blue

YACHTING

Ocean gales call time on Hooke

By Barry Pickthall

THE strong conditions that have battered the BOC single-handed round the world sailors during the past week have forced another skipper to retire from the race. Robert Hooke, the London-based American banker, threw in the towel yesterday after his 44ft yacht, Niihau, suffered extensive damage after capsizing in the southern ocean.

"It was a hell of a gale, with winds blowing 60 knots. We got dumped off a wave and the boat was turned completely upside down," the Corinthian yachtsman said yesterday.

At first, Hooke did not believe the boat had suffered much damage, but in daylight he found the tie-rods and plates connecting the rigging to the hull had been badly bent.

"This is the second knock-down I've experienced during the race and both times the rigging has been badly damaged. I have now lost confidence in the boat. I need expert advice about the repairs which means returning to Sydney and a two-week setback. If I were to then continue, I would be rounding Cape Horn in April, which is not such a great time weather-wise. I really have no option but to retire," he said.

The knock-down is the latest in a catalogue of disasters for Hooke. During the first leg from Newport, he found to his dismay that his yacht had not been tested adequately before the voyage, suffered some crippling gear failures and was last to arrive at Cape Town. During the second stage, he overcame the rigging damage, but collided with a trawler which punched a 7ft by 4ft hole through the side of his boat when he was just 80 miles short of the finish line at Sydney. He lost 20 days repairing the damage and set out on this third leg a week late.

Another competitor in deep trouble is the South African, John Martin, whose yacht hit an iceberg on Monday. By yesterday, he had shored up the damage with a cut-down spinnaker pole and was heading once more for Cape Horn at 9 knots. Later he reported that the repairs were not holding up in the strong headwinds and he had been forced to reduce sail.

Alain Gautier, sailing Generali Concorde, doubled his lead yesterday to more than 230 miles over his fellow Frenchman, Christophe Auguin, and leads overall in the race.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 12.04 GMT yesterday, with miles to Punta del Este, Uruguay): Class 1: 1, Generali Concorde (A Gautier, Fr) 2,714 miles; 2, Groupe Sceta (C Auguin, Fr) 2,961; 3, Innkeeper (D Adams, Aus) 2,981; 4, Credit Agricole (P Jeantot, Fr) 3,026; 5, Duracell (M Plant, US) 3,030; 6, Alba Regia (N Fa, Hun) 3,119; 7, Ecureuil PC (I Autissier, Fr) 3,154; 8, Allied Bank (J Martin, SA) 3,176; 9, Jarkan (K Berties, Aus) 3,317; 10, BSV Expo '92 (J Ugarte, Sp) 3,344; 11, Grinaker (B Reed, SA) 3,380. Class 2: 1, Servant (Y Dupasquier, Fr) 3,423; 2, Project City Kids (J Boye, US) 3,787; 3, Buttercup (D McIntyre, Aus) 3,859; 4, New Spirit of Ipswich (J Hall, GB) 3,904; 5, Sebago (H Roth, US) 5,285. Corinthian class: 1, Volcano (P Thackaberry, US) 4,177; 2, Shutendohji (M Saito, Japan) 4,187; 3, Global Exposure (R Davis, GB) 4,237.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/P	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	+ temp °C	Last snow fall
AUSTRIA								
Igls	30	75	good	powder	worn	fine	-3	16/2
Good spring conditions								
Mayrhofen	40	85	good	varied	worn	fine	3	16/2
Good skiing on upper and north facing slopes								
Schladming	30	90	good	powder	good	fine	3	16/2
Good skiing on well covered pistes								
FRANCE								
Chamonix	100	275	good	varied	good	fine	5	16/2
Very good piste skiing								
La Plagne	140	220	good	varied	good	fine	3	17/2
Good skiing with some powder remaining								
Megève	70	165	good	heavy	fair	fine	2	16/2
Excellent skiing everywhere. Resort busy								
Val d'Isere	142	180	good	powder	good	fine	4	16/2
Excellent skiing everywhere								
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	90	100	good	varied	fair	fine	0	16/2
Excellent piste skiing								
Gstaad	40	120	good	varied	fair	fine	3	18/2
Excellent skiing, especially on upper slopes								
Klosters	50	145	good	varied	good	fine	2	16/2
Good piste skiing, some icy patches								
Mürren	60	125	good	varied	good	fine	1	15/2
Good skiing on most pistes								
St Moritz	65	100	good	spring	good	fine	2	16/2
Excellent skiing								
Verbier	35	220	good	heavy	icy	fine	8	16/2
Good skiing above 2,200m, ice and slush elsewhere								
Wengen	40	70	good	varid	fair	fine	6	16/2
Pistes generally in good condition								

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

NORWAY	L	U
Geilo	60	60
Hemsedal	50	50
Hovden	100	100
Lillehammer	100	110
Oslo	60	60
Voss	85	145

● Information supplied by the Norwegian National Tourist Board.

YUGOSLAVIA	L	U
Kopaonik	60	60
Kranjska gora	90	180
Lake Bled	100	180
Lake Bohinj	180	280

● Information supplied by Yugotours.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: snow level, 1,500ft; vertical runs, 2,000ft. Runs: upper, middle and lower complete, hard and icy. Access roads open; most chairlifts and tows open. Glenshee: snow level, 1,000ft; vertical runs, 1,500ft. Runs: upper and lower complete, hard and icy. Access roads open; chairlifts and tows open. Lecht: snow level, 2,000ft; vertical runs, 700ft. Runs: main complete, ample beginner. Access roads open; tows open. Aonach Mor: snow level, 2,000ft; vertical runs, 2,000ft. Runs: upper and lower complete, sleeting. Access roads open. Gondola and most tows open. High winds. Glencoe: snow level, 1,500ft; vertical runs, 2,000ft. Runs: upper and lower complete. Area re-opens tomorrow.

Forecast: Eastern resorts will have a bright morning with sunny spells and some scattered showers. Cloud will spread in during the afternoon but areas should stay dry. Western areas will have more frequent showers, with thick cloud and more persistent rain later on. Cloud bases will be around 2,500 to 3,000ft, lowering to 1,500 during showers. Freezing levels will vary between 3,000ft in the east and 2,500ft in the west. Southwesterly winds will be strong to gale force on all ranges at heights above 1,000ft. Outlook: Bright spells with some showers, becoming more persistent by Friday. Winds moderating tomorrow, freshening again on Friday.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

Selectors endorse England B

By David Hands
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE England selectors have named the XV that should have played against Italy last week for the B international against Ireland at the Old Belvedere ground in Dublin on March 1. The match with Italy, scheduled for Waterloo last Wednesday, was postponed until March 27 because of the weather and that match squad has been reconstituted *en bloc*.

The players will train under the direction of their coaches, Richard Best and Mike Slemen, at the Stoop Memorial ground on Sunday, at the same time as England's senior squad. This in itself will be another reminder that a limited number of places in England's senior touring squad to Australia and Fiji in July remain available.

It will be only the third England B international with Ireland, whose team will be known today. The two previous games were at Twickenham in 1980 and Belfast in 1982, won respectively by three points and four points. The Irish Rugby Football Union is keen to develop its B team, however, so as to broaden the experience of its senior squad, and to that end it hopes to send a team to Spain for a ten-day visit in May, playing two or three matches.

The Irish selectors were greatly encouraged by their side's display in the B international against Scotland in December. Seven of the players who contributed to a 16-0 win have now won senior caps, but the team named today will include previously capped players, which the last one did not.

● The student international between England and Scotland, also postponed because of the weather last week, is likely to take place in April, while the Universities Athletic Union, whose team play Irish Universities on March 1 too, have rearranged their game against Welsh Universities for March 6 at Newbridge.

The UAU is optimistic that the semi-finals of its knockout competition will go ahead today, Exeter playing Swansea at Bristol and Loughborough, the holders, meeting Cardiff at Cinderford.

ENGLAND B (v Ireland B): J Liley (Leicester); I Hunter (Northampton), G Hopley (Wasps), G Thompson (Harlequins), A Adebayo (Bath); D Pears (Harlequins), R Moon (Llanelli); G Holmes (Wasps), G Dawe (Bath), G Pearce (Northampton, captain), D Ryan (Wasps), N Redman (Bath), S Dear (Rosslyn Park), N Back (Leicester), T Rodber (Northampton). Replacements: P de Glanville (Bath), M Strett (Orrell), A Kardooni (Leicester), K Dunn (Gloucester), T Revan (Rugby), B Clarke (Saracens).

RUGBY UNION

All Black offers peace formula

By Peter Bills

JOHN Kirwan, the All Black, yesterday outlined a formula for England's commercially frustrated players and the Rugby Football Union (RFU). New Zealand has a system that works to the benefit of both parties, he says.

"Since the International Board changed the regulations concerning players' commercial activities, we have become much closer to the NZRFU," Kirwan said. "It has been great for the players because we have been able to develop our activities in a commercial sense but have also been able to sit down with the rugby union to find a formula for the benefit firstly of the game and then of the players and the rugby union.

"We do not want to be paid for playing, so there were some fine lines to be drawn. Nor do we want to step on toes to cause the changes to be put in doubt. But because the rugby union here have been realistic and helpful, a system has been devised to everyone's satisfaction."

All commercial approaches to the All Black players are referred to the NZRFU for approval. Kirwan was unaware of the circumstances of England's disputed advertisement for the Timberland Clothing Company last week but he said: "That would not happen to us because we would not go ahead with an ad before the rugby union had cleared it."

Kirwan talks of the mature approach of the rugby authorities in New Zealand through the relaxation of the amateur regulations. He denies that this means carte blanche for players to earn money at every juncture. "We don't rush off and do ads, we always go through the official channels," he said.

But the New Zealand authorities have played their part in helping educate the players in commercial activity potential. Last weekend, for example, they arranged a seminar for the 15 leading players. It was a one-day course aimed at teaching management skills, handling of the media and included lessons and tips on public speaking.

Kirwan: the way ahead

"Professional people were brought in to advise on management skills and there were representatives from radio and television to talk to us. We also received instruction on how to handle adults and children. It was all set up by the union and we will use some of those skills we acquired when we go on promotional trips around the country to advertise the game."

Kirwan says that of every ten approaches for approval on commercial contracts, perhaps two would be refused. A shirt advertising contract offered him recently was rejected because the union regarded it as direct conflict with Canterbury, official sponsors of the NZRFU. "I had no worries about that because they are more than fair," he said.

"The players do several advertisements on behalf of the union's own sponsors without payment for them individually," he added. "It works very well here — it's sad if the England players and the union are falling out."

● The RFU hopes to organise another meeting shortly between representatives of the four home unions to see if a unified approach can be agreed over the vexed interpretation of the amateur regulations. The Welsh Rugby Union was unable to send a representative to a meeting earlier this month.

"We hope to reach agreement about what is, and what is not, reasonable," Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, said yesterday.

Sponsors delay cup entry

By David Hands

THE team managers of the 16 countries competing in the World Cup this autumn reassemble in London today as anxious as anyone to receive the latest briefing on the commercial arrangements for the tournament. The organisers have been able to announce only one of a projected list of eight main sponsors thus far but there is optimism that by next week a further three will be known.

The commercial arm of Rugby World Cup Ltd (RWC) met in Rotterdam yesterday and there are further meetings this week. The hope had been expressed last year, when criticism was mounting at the absence of information on prime sponsorships, which it was claimed might raise up to £16 million, that potential sponsors might link their announcements with matches in the five nations championship. This is now past the halfway stage.

The euphoric mood of late 1989, when the organisers were looking at raising £35 million from the marketing of the tournament, has long been dented by the economic recession but Alan Callan, the managing director of CPMA (the RWC commercial advisors), still believes the World Cup will fall into a band around £25 million. He points, too, to the breakdown of the GATT talks and the outbreak of the Gulf war as events which have conspired against his operations.

"We have three announcements of substance planned, though probably not before February 26," Callan said. "At least one major sponsor withdrew because of the war and it's not the best of times for the world's air lines. We are still within an income band of £25 million but whether we extend that I don't know because I believe we will still be negotiating contracts with people like suppliers as late as July."

International companies which had shown interest in sponsoring the tournament have all looked for assurances that it would go ahead after the outbreak of war. Albert Ferrasse, president of the French Rugby Federation, has suggested that big sporting events should be postponed.

"We are at the mercy of the end-user," Keith Rowlands, secretary of the International Rugby Football Board and of RWC Ltd, said. "It would be very nice to maximise the publicity from international matches but we can't do that until various agreements are finalised. It's a frustrating undertaking but I am confident."

● A Soviet team has confirmed its appearance in the women's world cup, to be played in Wales in April. France, which has played women's rugby for longer than many competing countries, has yet to confirm but the draw for the tournament will take place tomorrow involving the 11 definite starters.

Two leave Gloucester

TWO of Gloucester's most experienced players have joined the Courage League second division side, Bedford.

Gloucester's chairman of selectors, Alan Brinn, said of the departures of Richard Pascall, aged 32, a prop, and John Brain, 30, a lock: "We are surprised and hurt that they have done this behind our backs without giving us any warning."

The players, who have both made more than 250 appearances for Gloucester, will be available for Bedford's last three League games of the season, starting with the home game against Coventry on March 23.

In a joint statement, the players said: "We have the highest regard for everyone at Gloucester and it is perhaps unfortunate that we have decided to leave before the end of the season."

Gloucester were in no danger of relegation from the first division, however, while Bedford still needed points to stay in the second division.

Staples is racing to recover

THE full backs of England and Ireland will meet twice within eight days if Jim Staples, of London Irish, recovers from the bruised elbow he sustained on his first international appearance in Cardiff last Saturday (David Hands writes).

The Irish play Nottingham in the Pilkington Cup quarter-finals at Beeston this Saturday and the hosts will field Simon Hodgkinson, certain to be in the England side when the XV to play Ireland in Dublin on March 2 is confirmed at the weekend.

Ireland's selectors are optimistic that they will be able to name Staples in the side to be announced today but his club selectors will give him as long as possible to recover from the freak accident, when he hit his elbow on the concrete base of a sprinkler after falling over the touchline against Wales.

"It's touch and go for Saturday," Staples said. "I thought the elbow was broken at first, the jarring was so bad." The injury concluded Staples's match just before half-time but it will not prevent him training by himself this week.

Nottingham will have Hodgkinson and Chris Gray, the Scotland lock, back in the side but will be without Roger Taylor, their hooker.

STUDENT SPORT

O'Reilly seeks progress

By Mike Lamb

WILF O'Reilly, a gold-medal winner at the 1988 Winter Olympic Games in the short-track speed skating demonstration event, will go for gold again at the World Student Winter Games to be held in Sapporo, Japan, from March 1 to 10.

O'Reilly, who is at Birmingham Polytechnic, sees success at the games as progress towards the 1992 Olympics. Also entered in the speed skating is Robert Mitchell, a first-year student from Birmingham University.

Valerie Scott and Ingrid Grant, of Moray House College, Scotland, will represent Britain in the women's Alpine events. Three Scottish university students compete in the men's Alpine events: Graeme Gunn, of Edinburgh, Kerr Blyth, of Glasgow, and Rory Simpson, of Aberdeen.

● Midland Bank will again sponsor the British student tennis championships (Mark Herbert writes). The Lawn Tennis Association said a "five-figure sum" had been arranged for the event, at Bristol University from June 19 to 22.

Players qualify via their sectorial championships, with several wild cards available for overseas students. The championships will probably provide World Student Games selectors with a final chance to assess form before picking the squad.

Midland Bank has also agreed to back the marathon at the Sheffield Games on July 21. The Sheffield City marathon will be incorporated into the event. The bank has pledged £150,000 to the running costs for the day.

● The second British Universities women's basketball championship will be held at Newcastle this weekend. London-Oxford-Cambridge have dropped out, but Wales will join Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Universities Athletic Union (England) for the first time.

NETBALL

Lowe leads team for N Zealand

By Louise Taylor

KENDRA Lowe, the Bedfordshire goal-defence, has made a timely recovery from the knee injury that has kept her on the sidelines for the past eight months, and returns to captain England during the Milo-sponsored tour of New Zealand, beginning on April 1.

After trials in London on Sunday, the squad of 12 for New Zealand was selected, along with five stand-by players. From these trialists, the 12 for the World Tournament in Sydney in July will also be chosen.

Betty Galsworthy, the England coach, said: "I am experimenting with a new blend, and trying to increase my options, but being left out of the New Zealand party does not necessarily mean the same for Australia."

Sharon Fogarty, of Bedforshire, and Tracey Miller, of East Dorset, are included in a touring England squad for the first time, while Tracey Horton, of Hampshire North, and Jackie Skinner, of Essex Metropolitan, achieve prominence after several seasons on the fringes. Fiona Murtagh, from Essex Metropolitan, returns after a year off travelling in Australia, but Jesslyn Parkes, and Lucia Sdao — previously regulars — are relegated to the periphery.

England limbered up for Sunday's trials with a comprehensive 64-34 win against the Republic of Ireland in Reading on Saturday. Trudy Papafio, the home goal-shooter, scored 39 times from 46 attempts, while Tracey Miller, the England goal attack, made an encouraging senior debut.

It was a similar story at under-21 and under-18 level, where England won 67-25 and 76-16, respectively.

ENGLAND TOUR PARTY: K Lowe (Bedfordshire, capt); J Bryan (Birmingham), S Fairweather (Surrey), M Ferrell (West Yorkshire), S Fogarty (Bedfordshire), T Horton (Hampshire North), A Keyte (Surrey), T Miller (East Dorset), F Murtagh (Essex Met), T Papafio (Bedfordshire), J Skinner (Essex Met), S Young (Kent). Standby players: L Driver (Derbyshire), Y Foster (Essex Met), J Hyrons (Kent), J Parkes (Middlesex), L Sdao (Derbyshire).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA Cup
Fifth round replay
Everton v Liverpool

Barclays League
Second division
Brighton v Leicester

Zenith Data Systems Cup
Northern semi-finals
Barnsley v Everton (7.45)
Leeds v Manchester C (7.45)

Southern quarter-final
Norwich v Southampton (7.45)

Leyland Daf Cup
Southern quarter-final
Exeter v Cambridge

GM Vauxhall Conference

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Postponed: Third round: Ross County v Meadowbank.

B AND Q SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Postponed: First division: Partick v Clyde.

GM Vauxhall Conference
Welling v Sutton Utd

FA VASE: Fifth round: Littlehampton v Walthamstow Pennant.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE CUP: Fourth round: Witton v Southport. Premier division: South Liverpool v Chorley.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bashley v Poole; Cambridge City v Burton (7.45); VS Rugby v Rushden. Midland division: Newport AFC v Corby. Southern division: Dunstable v Hythe; Yate v Salisbury.

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Second division north: Collier Row v Tilbury; Tring v Royston.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn v Leeds (7.0); Huddersfield v Sheffield Wed (7.30); Sunderland v Rotherham (7.0); Wolverhampton v Newcastle (7.0). Second division: Barnsley v Mansfield (7.0); Hull v Bolton (7.0); Middlesbrough v Blackpool (7.0); Preston v Grimsby (7.0); Scunthorpe v Port Vale (7.0); Stoke v West Bromwich (7.0); Wigan v Notts County (7.0).

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Oxford Utd v Norwich (7.0); Swindon v QPR (7.0).

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Fifth round: Colwyn Bay v Swansea; Hereford v Bangor.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Weston-super-Mare v Tiverton.

WEEKLY WYNNER LEAGUE: League Cup: Sutton Town v Armthorpe Welfare.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Kentish Cup: Britain Army v Belgium Armed Forces (at Aldershot).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Blackheath v Askeans.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Huddersfield v Ryedale York.

SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE CHALLENGE CUP: First round: Sheffield Eagles v Dewsbury. First division: Widnes v Wakefield Trinity.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Thames Valley v Worthing (8.0).

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Midland Bank world indoor championship (Guildhall, Preston).

SNOOKER: Pearl Assurance British Open (Derby).

SQUASH RACKETS: Ladies Welsh Classic (Cardiff).

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Victory against Newcastle may prove yardstick as Nottingham Forest close on Wembley

Omens suggest that FA Cup may fall at last to Clough

By Peter Ball and Louise Taylor

THE growing belief that this is the season that Nottingham Forest will end Brian Clough's 25-year pursuit of the FA Cup has found some new adherents on Tyneside, following Forest's 3-0 victory over Newcastle United in the fourth round replay on Monday night.

With trips to Southampton and, if successful, Norwich City ahead, Forest will have to do things the hard way. They have already taken five matches to reach the fifth round, and will have to make their way without a home tie, but they can take encouragement from recent history and Monday's opposition.

Last season, Manchester United won the Cup without a home tie, and both United and Wimbledon, in 1988, beat Newcastle on the way to Wembley. "I think they are in the final now," Jim Smith, the Newcastle manager, said after watching Nigel Clough inspire Forest to a sweeping victory which leaves the Tynesiders to concentrate on an improbable bid for a place in the second division promotion play-offs. "They are good enough to do it."

His vastly experienced goalkeeper, John Burridge, is equally convinced. "I think they'll win the Cup," the veteran said admiringly, with all the authority of his 39 years and 11 clubs. "They have a genius named Clough organising things off the field, and a genius named Clough pulling the strings on the field too."

The other England squad members, Hodge, after his unhappy months, and Pearce, were not far behind, Hodge scoring the second goal and claiming an assist in Clough's thirteenth of the season, but Burridge had no hesitation in selecting Clough as the key to his side's success.

"He pulls everything together for them on the pitch," Burridge said. "He is a good finisher, but he is the man who makes them tick with his passing — his control and passing are exceptional. He is their major influence."

Clough, who scored Forest's late equaliser in the first match at St James' Park, opened the scoring in Monday's replay, and capped a fine display with the sweeping crossfield pass to Crosby which set up the third goal for Parker, inspite of having to play virtually on his own at the front in the absence of Jemson.

His case to be considered as Lineker's partner while that other clever little forward, Beardsley, is surplus to Kenny Dalglish's requirements, is getting stronger by the game.

Manchester United, the holders, retain a purely academic interest in the destiny of this year's competition after their 2-1 fifth round defeat at Norwich City.

Unbeaten in their previous 21 cup ties over the past 17 months, United had not defeated Norwich in the tournament since 1905. They failed to lift the jinx at Carrow Road where Robert Fleck gave Norwich an early lead with his fifth goal in his last five games against United.

Although Brian McClair swiftly equalised, Norwich secured a sixth round visit from either Nottingham Forest or Southampton courtesy of Dale Gordon's 68th-minute goal. It was created by Ruel Fox, and it was the winger's introduction as a second half substitute which did more than anything to swing the tie Norwich's way.

Dave Stringer, the Norwich manager, who marked George Best when the East Anglians beat United in an FA Cup tie on the same date in 1967, said: "It was an inspired substitution. We needed to break their rhythm, and Fox's pace gave us an extra dimension. We had to fight all the way though."

Two goals in two minutes in the first period of extra time, from Mark Bright and Ian Wright, put Crystal Palace into the Zenith Data Systems Cup southern area semi-finals at the expense of Brighton at the Goldstone Ground, while Chelsea, the holders, were beaten on penalties by Luton Town at Stamford Bridge in front of only 3,849 spectators.

REVISED SIXTH-ROUND FA CUP DRAW: Norwich City v Southampton or Nottingham Forest; Tottenham Hotspur v Notts County; West Ham United v Liverpool or Everton; Shrewsbury Town or Arsenal v Cambridge United. *Ties to be played on March 9 or 10.*

Motivator and inspiration: Nigel Clough is a significant cog in his father's machine

West Ham facing fixture build-up

WEST Ham United had mixed feelings yesterday after being told that their FA Cup quarter-final against Everton or Liverpool will be played on Monday, March 11 — for the benefit of BSkyB.

The switch guarantees each club £60,000 in appearance money, but it means a condensed programme of three critical games in six days for West Ham, who lead the second division, and a night-time trek to London for 3,000 Merseysiders.

West Ham are scheduled to play at Oxford United on March 13 and face their promotion rivals, Sheffield Wednesday, at Upton Park the following Saturday.

Tom Finn, the club secretary, however, pinpointed the advantage of playing their sixth-round tie under floodlights, saying: "We are sympathetic to the Merseyside supporters who will have to travel on the Monday, but on the other hand we do seem to generate a special atmosphere at Upton Park when we play at night."

The five-year BSkyB deal, which runs until the end of the 1992-3 season, hit Manchester United this week when their supporters had to endure a torturous cross-country Monday journey to Carrow Road.

Brighton aim for play-offs

ALMOST knocking Liverpool out of the FA Cup has been the source of some pride at the Goldstone Ground. Yet before that fourth-round replay with the League champions, Brighton were attracting admiration for an attack-minded approach (Louise Taylor writes).

Tonight, at home to Leicester City, Brighton aim to translate entertainment into more second-division points as they look to consolidate their position as candidates for the promotion play-offs.

Leicester, who are only five points better off than Hull City, the bottom club, require points for the opposite reason. As both sides tend to compensate for leaky defences with plenty of goals, from the likes of Mike Small, for Brighton, and David Kelly, for Leicester, the meeting tonight promises to be anything but dull.

Richard Smith, a teenaged defender, is likely to be included for his second League game by the visitors, who are without Steve Walsh, who is suspended, and Lawrie Madden, who has returned to Sheffield Wednesday after a loan spell. Central defence has long been a bugbear at Leicester, and it is arguable that a lack of finance to purchase a partner for Walsh cost David Pleat the manager's job last month. Brighton, who are injury-free, delay selection.

Norwich City, fresh from their FA Cup win over Manchester United on Monday, are at home to Southampton, who they could face in the sixth round of that competition, in the southern area quarter-final of the Zenith Data Systems Cup.

Southampton, who have not played since February 2, are expected to welcome Matthew Le Tissier back into their attack after a hamstring injury, but are without Jimmy Case, who is suspended. Ruel Fox, closely involved in the downfall of Manchester United, is likely to start on the wing for Norwich.

Cup commitments are crowding in on Leeds United. They are at home to Manchester City tonight in a Zenith Data Systems Cup northern area semi-final, which they will hope to win after their FA Cup replay defeat by Arsenal on Saturday, and before their Rumbelows Cup semi-final second leg against Manchester United on Sunday.

Police are to pull out of Ninian Park

CARDIFF City's troubles intensified yesterday as the South Wales Police Authority confirmed their decision not to provide crowd control for matches at Ninian Park. The club is alleged to owe about £25,000 to the authority but were allowed to play Gillingham last Friday.

Cardiff have been given until noon today to settle £255,000 in mortgages outstanding on the ground that are owed to Cardiff City Council.

Notts County, the second division side, who are losing £3,000 a week, collected record receipts of £123,000 from their FA Cup fifth round victory over Manchester City.

BOWLS

McMahon draws from within to eliminate Bryant

By David Rhys Jones

DAVID Bryant should have played Mark McMahon, of Hong Kong, for the Commonwealth Games singles gold medal at Auckland last year, but was denied a place in the final by the Australian, Rob Parrella, the eventual winner, at the eleventh hour.

The two met belatedly at the Preston Guild Hall yesterday, when McMahon, aged 21, beat Bryant, aged 59, by three sets to one, realised a long-held ambition, and qualified for the quarter-final of the Midland Bank world indoor singles championship.

McMahon, significantly, used the same tactics to beat Bryant as Parrella had at Pakuranga, opening the match on minimum-length jacks and finding a perfect length. Bryant, who had won the toss, but had given the jack to McMahon, was, for once, nonplussed, and suffered from a tendency to overplay.

Pocketing the first set, 7-2, McMahon had won the first tactical tussle but there was another more subtle and psychological battle going on, at least as far as McMahon was concerned.

McMahon, who took up bowls at the age of eight, has made a study of Bryant's inner game, and has come to some astute conclusions. Bryant, the epitome of good sportsmanship, is always perfectly behaved, but wins a large percentage of his games, McMahons says, by intimidating his opponents, albeit jocularly.

"I'm not going to allow him to talk me out of it," McMahon said before he took to the portable rink, "a lot of people allow him to take over the rink, and simply give up the ghost. I intend to play my own game."

On the rink, he put his theories into practice. He dictated the pace, even to the extent of sometimes visiting the head without proper cause to stamp his authority on the game. He queried decisions, asked for measures and challenged the length of the jack when Bryant took the mat at the green. His behaviour, it should be said, was impeccable, and his actions never in conflict with the laws of the game.

Above all, he studiously avoided eye contact with his opponent, lest in some way, he might relinquish the psychological ascendency.

The plan worked. Bryant, out of sorts, worked hard to stay in the game, and nearly succeeded. At 6-6, in the fourth set, a shot to Bryant would have squared the match, and installed him as favourite to win the decider.

But, steeling himself like a potential champion, McMahon, drawing to a ditched jack, managed to produce the winner, and Bryant's traditional script had to be rewritten.

RESULT: Singles, second round: M McMahon (HK) bt D Bryant (Eng), 7-2, 7-6, 4-7, 7-6.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Soviet clubs find affluent backers

By Keith Macklin

EIGHT teams from Moscow, Leningrad, Kazakhstan and Moldavia will launch the first professional Soviet Union Rugby League in May, with a season which will continue until October.

The chief executive of the Rugby Football League, David Oxley, made the announcement at the opening yesterday of the £500,000 refurbishment and extension to the headquarters in Leeds.

Oxley said that each of the eight clubs, including three from Moscow, will be sponsored by Soviet industry or local government at one million roubles (£1m) per club.

The RFL venture in the Soviet Union has made staggeringly rapid strides since a sports official, Edvard Taturian, watched a Silk Cut Challenge Cup tie at Wigan last season as a guest of the League. He was so impressed by what he saw, and by video tapes and instructional material which he took back with him, that officials in the republics decided to launch experimental competitions. Players have been recruited from rugby union, football and athletics and the game has taken off so well that the final of a recent competition in Moscow attracted 8,000 spectators.

The players will be fully professional, Oxley said. Average payment will be 400 roubles (£400) a month, compared with the average working wage of 250 roubles.

Phil Larder, the League's director of coaching, will fly out this weekend to prepare a squad of around 30 players who will form the basis of a Soviet Union international side to play Papua New Guinea, France or the revived Wales side next autumn. A students' team will compete in the Students World Cup next year.

Oxley said that an office controlling the game had been set up at the Dynamo Stadium in Moscow with an initial staff of five.

● The Warrington forward, Billy McGinty, is doubtful for the Silk Cut Challenge Cup second-round tie at Keighley this Sunday.

SQUASH RACKETS

Grasp on title is slipping

By Colin McQuillan

BROOKS Collets must now acknowledge that their SRA Women's Superleague title will be in other hands by the end of the season, and they may feel that the Irish are responsible for it all.

Cassandra Jackman, their third string, returned from an Irish Open semi-final at the weekend with shin splints which inhibited her movement on Monday against Sue Wright, of Yellow Pages Caversham, and effectively cost Collets the match and the championship.

Michelle Martin won narrowly 10-8, 9-2, 4-9, 5-9, 10-9 against Martine Le Moignan, the British champion, at first string, but Alison Cumings failed 9-0, 9-7, 9-0 at second string against Danielle Drady.

Meanwhile, Liz Irving, the IMS Courtlands first string who defeated the world champion, Susan Devoy, to win the Irish Open on Sunday, was still stiff from that weekend effort when losing 9-2, 9-0, 7-9, 9-5 to Lisa Opie to give the Reebok squad a 2-1 victory in Nottingham and a three-point lead in the league.

Both Jackman and Irving will look back on the Irish Open with satisfaction. Jackman, the British junior champion, defeated Rebecca Best, the Irish No. 1, in straight games to reach a semi-final which she lost rather more competitively than the 10-8, 9-6, 7-9, 9-2 score suggested. Irving's 10-8, 9-7, 9-3 victory in the final, after a demanding series of five set early rounds, was her first tournament win in eight years over Devoy.

But their subsequent depressed league performances undoubtedly conspired to kill off any remaining Collets defence hopes. Nottingham were by no means assured of victory over Courtlands this week. They won easily at third string, where Ruth Strauss was a late Courtlands replacement for Samantha Langley and no match for Sharon Brady. But at second string, Suzanne Horner relinquished her undefeated record to Fiona Geaves. A half-season at first string for Courtlands has plainly benefited Geaves. The result left Sue Wright as the only undefeated player in the league.

RESULTS: Nottingham 2, IMS Courtlands 1; Brooks Collets 1, Yellow Pages Caversham 2. League Positions: 1, Nottingham, 31pts; 2, Caversham, 28; 3, Collets, 15; 4, Lee-on-Solent, 6; 5, Courtlands, 4.

ICE SKATING

Champion is 'bewildered'

By Michael Coleman

MARINA Klimova, the world ice dance champion, appeared at a press conference in Moscow yesterday and described as absurd the allegation that she had taken drugs when retaining the European title in Sofia last month with her husband, Sergei Ponomarenko.

"I am completely bewildered because I am against taking any medicine, even pills for headaches," she said. "All accusations against me are absolutely absurd and there remains only the hope that justice will prevail."

Soviet sports officials questioned the competence of the Sofia laboratory that reported a positive reading in the first, A sample, test. It was not accredited by the International Olympic Committee.

A professor of pharmacology from a Moscow institute, Vladimir Kukis, said the mixture of drugs reported to be in the Sofia sample would have been counter-productive. "You might expect to find one or the other, but not both together; that is just an absurdity," he said.

It was revealed that all the Soviet skaters had undergone drugs tests in Moscow ten days before Sofia to ensure they were clean of any banned substance.

The second test, on Klimova's B urine sample, was made in Cologne on Monday, but the report on its findings, expected yesterday, has been unexpectedly delayed. Beat Häsler, the general secretary of the International Skating Union (ISU), said he expected that the ISU council would learn the result when it met for its winter session at Inzell, Germany, on Friday. If confirmed as positive, Klimova could face a two-year suspension.

Häsler said he regretted the news leak after the Sofia test, which was against procedure.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

B and Q SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Motherwell v Aberdeen. First division: Postponed: Partick Thistle v Clyde.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Postponed: Bath v Slough.
CAPITAL FINANCE SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bournemouth 4, Hereford 0.
OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Chelsea 4, West Ham United 3.

Late results on Monday
FA CUP: Fourth round replay: Nottingham Forest 3, Newcastle United 0. Fifth round: Norwich City 2, Manchester United 1.
ZENITH DATA SYSTEMS CUP: Southern quarter-finals: Chelsea 1, Luton Town 1 (aet; 0-0 after 90min. Luton won 4-1 on pens); Brighton 0, Crystal Palace 2 (aet).
LEYLAND DAF CUP: First round: Birmingham 0, Swansea 0 (aet; Birmingham won 4-2 on penalties).
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Fisher 1, Cheltenham 1; Kidderminster 1, Telford 3.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 0, Nottingham Forest 1.
OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Queen's Park Rangers 2, Oxford United 1.
FA TROPHY: Second round: Horwich 2, Gretna 1. Second-round replay: Emley 3, Hyde 2.
VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Loctite Trophy: Third round: Ruislip Manor 5, Leatherhead 1.
SURREY SENIOR CUP: Quarter-final: Carshalton 1, Sutton United 0.
BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Bragantino 2, Vasco 2; Corinthians 2, Botafogo 1; Nautico 1, Sport 0; Santos 2, São Paulo 1; Atletico Minas Gerais 2, Cruzeiro 2; Atletico Parana 2, Fluminense 0; Portuguesa 2, Palmeiras 0; Goias 5, Flamengo 1; Vitoria 1, Bahia 0.
ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Mar del Plata City Cup: Final: Boca Juniors 2, River Plate 0.
ENGLISH SCHOOLS ADIDAS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: West Midlands 4, Shropshire 4.

BADMINTON

IBF WORLD RANKINGS: Men: equal 1, A B Wiranata (Indo) and Wu Wenkai (China), 500pts; 3, H Susanto (Indo), 380; 4, J Suprianto (Indo), 340; 5, D Hall (GB), 280; equal 6, P-E Hoyer-Larsen (Den) and F Permadi (Indo), 240. Women: 1, Huang Hua (China), 600; 2, S Susanti (Indo), 500; 3, H Troke (Eng), 340; 4, Zhou Lei (China), 300; equal 5, S Jaroensiri (Thai) and M Timur (Indo), 280.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Chicago Bulls 110, Cleveland Cavaliers 95; Utah Jazz 104, San Antonio Spurs 81; Detroit Pistons 95, Seattle SuperSonics 83; Minnesota Timberwolves 128, Denver Nuggets 114; Golden State Warriors 101, Dallas Mavericks 107.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: St Helens 12, Hull 10.

GOLF

SONY WORLD RANKINGS (US unless stated): 1, N Faldo (GB) 18.60pts avg; 2, G Norman (Aus), 18.57; 3, J M Olazábal (Sp), 17.22; 4, I Woosnam (GB), 15.69; 5, P Stewart, 12.55; 6, P Azinger, 11.77; 7, T Kite, 10.63; 8, M McNulty (Zim), 10.19; 9, S Ballesteros (Sp), 10.15; 10, F Couples, 9.51.
US RYDER CUP TEAM POSITIONS: 1, F Couples, 455,000pts; 2, P Azinger, 423,750; 3, P Stewart, 391,250; 4, W Levi, 372,500; 5, T Simpson, 366,250; 6, H Irwin, 365,000; 7, L Wadkins, 352,698; 8, M Calcavecchia, 322,500; 9, T Kite, 314,643; 10, G Morgan 313,750 (top ten players earn automatic selection).

HOCKEY

CLUB MATCHES: Army 4, Oxford University 3 (at Aldershot); Cambridge University 0, Army 0 (at Coldhams Common).
SCHOOLS MATCH: Norfolk County Cup: Final: Gresham School 9, Pelicans 1.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Philadelphia Flyers 5, Chicago Black Hawks 3; New York Islanders 5, New York Rangers 4; Los Angeles Kings 5, Washington Capitals 2; Edmonton Oilers 4, New Jersey Devils 0; Vancouver Canucks 3, Quebec Nordiques 3 (OT).

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Combined Services championships: D Reed-Felstead bt M Broke, 15-7, 15-6, 15-8; A Gordon bt S Bedford, 15-3, 15-0, 15-12; T Toyne-Sewell bt W Pym, 15-7, 15-10, 15-12. Doubles: A Harrison and J Panton bt S Bedford and J Heggs, 15-9, 15-6, 15-10.

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Combined Services championships: O Morris-Adams bt S Bennett, 12-4; A Harrison bt M Nuxton, 9-7; M Broke bt I Park-Weir, 12-8; C Wright bt A Snook, 11-8.

RUGBY FIVES

BARNES: University match (Cambridge names first): Singles: R W S Ground bt J P Hayes, 15-13; J W Gribble bt M T Cavanagh, 15-0; J M Droop lost to J L Hampel, 2-15; R J H Rigg bt R W Bay, 15-7. Doubles: Ground and Gribble by Hayes and Cavanagh, 15-8, 15-1; Ground and Gribble bt Hampel and S Hodgson, 15-5, 15-7; Droop and P W T Neese bt Hampel and Hodgson, 12-15, 15-10; Droop and Neese lost to Hayes and Cavanagh, 3-15, 7-15; P D D'Ancona and A G Oliver tied with Bay and N Robertson, 15-13, 14-16; D'Ancona and Oliver bt A G Power and I C Cotek-Antic, 14-16, 15-10; Rigg and S T Pratt lost to Power and Cotek-Antic, 9-15, 16-14; Rigg and Pratt bt bt Bay and Robertson, 15-9, 15-6.
CLUB MATCH: St Dunstan's College 127, Jesters 71.

BIATHLON

LAHTI, Finland: World championship: Women's 7.5km: 1, G Ingeborg Nykkelmo (Nor), 30min 01.8sec (1 shooting error); 2, S Davidova (USSR), 30:22.7 (1); 3, E Golovina (USSR), 30:35.1 (0). Men's 10km: 1, M Kirchner (Ger), 30:48.1; 2, F Luck (Ger), 31:12.8; 3, E Kvalfoss (Nor), 31:27.9.

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCH: Northants 119, Norfolk 140.

FREESTYLE SKIING

LA CLUSAZ, France: World Cup ballet competition: Men: 1, R Kristiansen (Nor), 29.80pts; 2, H Reitberger (Ger), 29.50; 3, F Becker (Fr), 28.90. Women: 1, E Breen (US), 28.40; 2, C Kissling (Switz), 27.80; 3, C Fechoz (Fr), 25.05; 4, J Snell (GB), 25.00.

TENNIS

OKLAHOMA CITY: Women's tournament: First round: E Smylie (Aus) bt C Dahlman (Swe), 6-4, 6-4; B Schultz (Neth) bt M McGrath (US), 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; A Minter (Aus) bt A Keller (US), 6-2, 6-2; L Harvey-Wild (US) bt S Sloane, 6-2, 6-2; A Frazier (US) bt P Louie Harper (US), 6-4, 7-6; C Martinez (Sp) bt M L Daniels (US), 6-2, 6-0.
STUTTGART: Men's indoor tournament: First round: O Camporese (It) bt R Agenor (Haiti), 6-4, 6-2; G Ivanisevic (Yug) bt A Volkov (USSR), 6-1, 6-2; A Cherkasov (USSR) bt M Larsson (Sweden), 6-4, 6-4; K Novacek (Cz) bt J Arrese (Sp), 7-6, 6-4; J Hlasek (Switz) bt S Zivojinovic (Yug), 6-3, 3-6, 7-6; S Bruguera (Sp) bt T Muster (Austria), 6-2, 6-3; E Sánchez (Sp) bt A Mansdorf (Isr), 7-6, 6-3.
CROYDON: LTA women's satellite indoor tournament: First round: C Hunt (GB) bt A Smith (GB), 6-4, 6-0; C Singer (Ger) bt G Magin (Sp), 7-6, 6-2; B Griffiths (GB) bt S Gedroen (Neth), 6-1, 6-3; A Marchl (Ger) bt H Leeuwen (Neth), 6-1, 6-3; A Evers (Neth) bt Y Kloppenhouwer (Neth), 6-2, 5-7, 6-4. Second round: S Davries (Neth) bt S Nicholson (Ire), 6-1, 6-0; C Wuillot (Bel) bt A Simpkin (Leics), 6-4, 6-2; D Wamelink (Neth) bt B Griffiths (Middx), 7-6, 7-5; E Callens (Bel) bt A Evers (Neth), 6-1, 6-0; S Gomer (Devon) bt C Hunt (Dorset), 7-6, 6-4; V Lake (Devon) bt A Varpula (Fin), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; L Bacheva (Bul) bt C Singer (Ger), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; A Marchl (Ger) bt V Humphreys-Davies (Cambs), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
MEMPHIS: Men's tournament: First round: G Raoux (Fr) bt R Furlan (It), 7-6, 1-6, 6-3; G Bloom (Isr) bt C Van Rensburg (SA), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; A Rahunen (Fin) bt R Schmidt (Ger), 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; A Antonitsch (Austria) bt T Carbonell (Sp), 5-6, 7-6, 7-5; C Garner (US) bt B Pearce (US), 7-6, 6-2; D Goldie (US) bt J Yzaga (Peru), 6-3, 4-6, 7-6; B Garrow (US) bt R Krishnan (India), 7-6, 3-6, 7-6; M Kratzmann (Aus) bt M Filippini (Uru), 7-6, 1-6, 6-4; K Curren (US) bt V Paloheimo (Fin), 6-4, 6-1; J-P Fleurian (Fr) bt J Grabb (US), 6-4, 7-5.
WTA RANKINGS: 1, S Graf (Ger); 2, M Seles (Yug); 3, M Navratilova (US); 4, G Sabatini (Arg); 5, M J Fernandez (US); 6, A Sánchez Vicario (Sp); 7, K Maleeva (Bul); 8, J Novotna (Cz); 9, Z Garrison (US); 10, J Capriati (US).

EQUESTRIANISM

Big show needs a sponsor

By Jenny MacArthur

THIS year's Royal International Horse Show at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham is under threat unless new sponsors are found by the end of this week.

The show, which recently lost a major sponsor, Alan Paul Hairdressing, is £130,000 short of its budget. Alan Pascoe Associates, the new owners of British Equestrian Promotions, have until the end of the week to find new sponsors.

The Royal International, which was first held in 1907 at Olympia, has changed venues five times since then. The move to Birmingham in 1984 came after an unsuccessful attempt to take the show back out of doors to its former White City setting.

Birmingham was chosen partly for its accessibility but mostly because of the favourable terms offered by the NEC.

Major-General Jack Reynolds, the chairman of the organising committee, said yesterday: "No one wants to see the show leave Birmingham but the current economic situation and limited television coverage have made it difficult to attract new people."

This year's show is scheduled for June 13 to 16.

GOLF

Sunningdale overlooks a champion

JULIE Hall, the British women's amateur champion, who was a finalist in the Sunningdale Foursomes two years ago, will not be in this year's 50 anniversary event of the Berkshire Club.

She and her partner, Claire Hourihane, a former British stroke player and Irish champion, filed their entry before the closing date but Hall was informed by Sunningdale yesterday that regretably their entry had not been successful. Their names would be added to the waiting list for the event which starts on March 19.

"I am surprised that a British champion cannot find a place," Hall said. The Sunningdale secretary, Keith Almond, said Hall's name was missed because she was formerly Miss Wade.

BRIDGE

England go clear in home series

By Albert Dorner

ENGLAND beat Northern Ireland by a record 74 points to 10 in Ballymena, furthering their onslaught on the Camrose Trophy for the home international series.

Taking no chances, the England selectors had named an unusually powerful squad, headed by Britain's leading pair, Tony Forrester and Andrew Robson. They were backed by Barry Rigal and Peter Czerniewski, with John Helm and Paul Bowyer making a satisfactory international debut under Richard Fleet's captaincy. For Northern Ireland, Rosenberg, Anderson, Campbell, Mackenzie, Tranmer and Plunkett were captained by David Greenwood.

In Anglesey, Scotland overcame Wales by 47 to 43. For the winners, Steel, Shenkin, Baird, Spears, Baxter and Paterson were captained by John MacLaren.

Scotland are the only country to have removed the Camrose Trophy from England's keeping since the series began in 1936, but they face a long row ashore when they meet the holders in mid-March at Norwich. With only one match remaining, England lead with 143 points, followed by Scotland on 96, Wales on 55 and Northern Ireland on 51.

Denis Howard, of Australia, is stepping down next month as president of the World Bridge Federation. His re-election by a narrow margin for a four-year term caused a walkout by delegates of the European Bridge League last September, but this was smoothed over by a secret compact. Ernesto d'Orsi, a financial director, of Sao Paolo, is expected to be elected unopposed in Howard's place.

STRATFORD-upon-Avon Congress: Champion pairs: P Hackett and T Waterlow. Championship teams: H Darwen, P Darwen, L Bast, A J Wood. Harold Franklin Cup: B Cohen and K Oddy.

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

England Under-18 must forgo trial

By George Chesterton

THE final trial for the England Under-18 team before the start of the international programme became another victim of the weather. Their match against the Universities Athletic Union on Saturday had to be cancelled.

The under-18s play Netherlands at Gouda on March 5, Wales on the Gloucester City ground on March 16, Switzerland at Norwich City on March 19, and the Republic of Ireland on April 12 in Dublin.

Millfield had to forgo home advantage to fit in their Under-19 Barclay's individual schools match against Exeter. Millfield representing Somerset and Exeter and Devon fought out a hard tussle, on a heavy pitch.

Exeter went ahead after five minutes through Hussey, and came close again, hitting the crossbar. They led 1-0 at half-time. After the interval, Millfield played the best football of the match, White scoring after five minutes and Ballinger scoring the winner from a cross by Onuorah with 20 minutes to go.

There was some compensation for Devon with their Under-15s getting through to the semi-final of the ESFA trophy for the first time. They still await the result of the quarter-final between Barnsley and Islington and Camden, a match will now take place on March 2.

The other semi-final will be between Sefton and Sunderland.

INTERNATIONAL UNDER-18 SQUAD: A Browne (Dorset), B Dale (South Yorks), J Deadman (Essex), A Fielding (South Yorks), R P Filik (North Hants), A Halls (Northumberland), M Hertlein (Oxfordshire), T J Holland (Lincolnshire), D Hughes (Dorset), V Lacey (Hertfordshire), R Price (Greater Manchester), P Richardson (Notts), M Robinson (Cumbria), I K Sweeting (Cheshire), P Tisdale (Avon), J Walker (Inner London).

Coach dismissed

Nottingham City rugby league club yesterday dismissed their coach, Mel Wibberley, after just 12 months in charge. The New Zealand utility player, Arnold Hema, has been put in temporary control.

IN BRIEF

Oriel are penalised

ORIEL'S banishment from the top of Oxford University Torpids was confirmed at a meeting of college boat club captains and they start in fourth place today when the four-day competition begins on the Isis.

The punishment, handed out after they defied a no-rowing ban because of ice on the river, means that Christ Church start at the top and it sets up a possible confrontation between the two crews on Saturday.

ATHLETICS: Seb Coe is coming out of retirement for a day — to run in the London Marathon in April as part of his initiative to raise more than £1 million for charity. The double Olympic champion says his main aim is simply to complete the event.

HOCKEY: The national association has secured a late sponsor, the Midland-based Triton Showers, for the European indoor championship, starting on Friday at the Aston Villa leisure centre, Birmingham. The teams taking part are Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Scotland, France, England, Poland, Austria.

BOXING: Azumah Nelson's defence of his World Boxing Council super-featherweight title against Jeff Fenech, scheduled for Melbourne on April 6, has been postponed until May, the promoter, Bill Mordey, said.

BASKETBALL: The third Commonwealth championships are certain to go ahead in Edinburgh from June 29 to July 7, with more than £100,000 guaranteed from a funding package announced yesterday.

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SPORT

Borg to exhibit his talents again in London

By Andrew Longmore, tennis correspondent

AT THE age of 34 and nearly nine years after he first retired from the game, Bjorn Borg is to play competitively in London again. Borg, who has practised extensively at Queen's Club in recent months in preparation for his comeback to the professional tour, plans to play Jimmy Connors in an exhibition at the Grand Hall in Olympia on April 10.

Another exhibition is planned for Milan later in the month as the five-time Wimbledon champion puts the finishing touches to his game before he begins his comeback in earnest at the Monte Carlo Open in late April.

Appropriately for two old warriors who have won 19 grand slam singles titles between them, the promoter of the event is Patrick Malynn, a theatrical and television producer probably best known to old-time rock 'n' rollers as the manager of Bill Haley and the Comets. This will be his first venture into tennis.

"It's the first time Borg will have played competitively in England since his heyday," Malynn said yesterday. "He is very keen to play and he's never been fitter in his life. I also believe he is going to use a wooden racket. With Connors, who still hates to be beaten wherever and whatever he is playing, it should make for a great evening's tennis."

Borg first announced his intention to return to the tour several months ago when he said he would have to play against several players on several different surfaces before making his final decision. Reports that he would play in his old stamping grounds in Monte Carlo, at the Italian Open and at the French, which he won six times, have since been confirmed, despite scepticism from many of the top players that a player even of Borg's stature could be successful after such a long time away from the game.

It was widely felt that his well-publicised financial problems were behind his decision to return, but Borg has denied that. "I am enjoying playing again for the first time in many years and I still think I can be competitive," he said in London recently. "It's just a matter of wanting to win again. If you want to win, that's half the battle."

Depending on which way you look at it, the fact that he has chosen his old rival, Connors, as an opponent suggests that Borg has one eye on the box office, the other on testing his body and mind in readiness for sterner tests ahead. Connors himself will be starting a minor comeback at the age of 38, having not played a match on the Association of Tennis Professionals' tour since October last year when he lost in the first round of the Toulouse Open to Ronald Agenor.

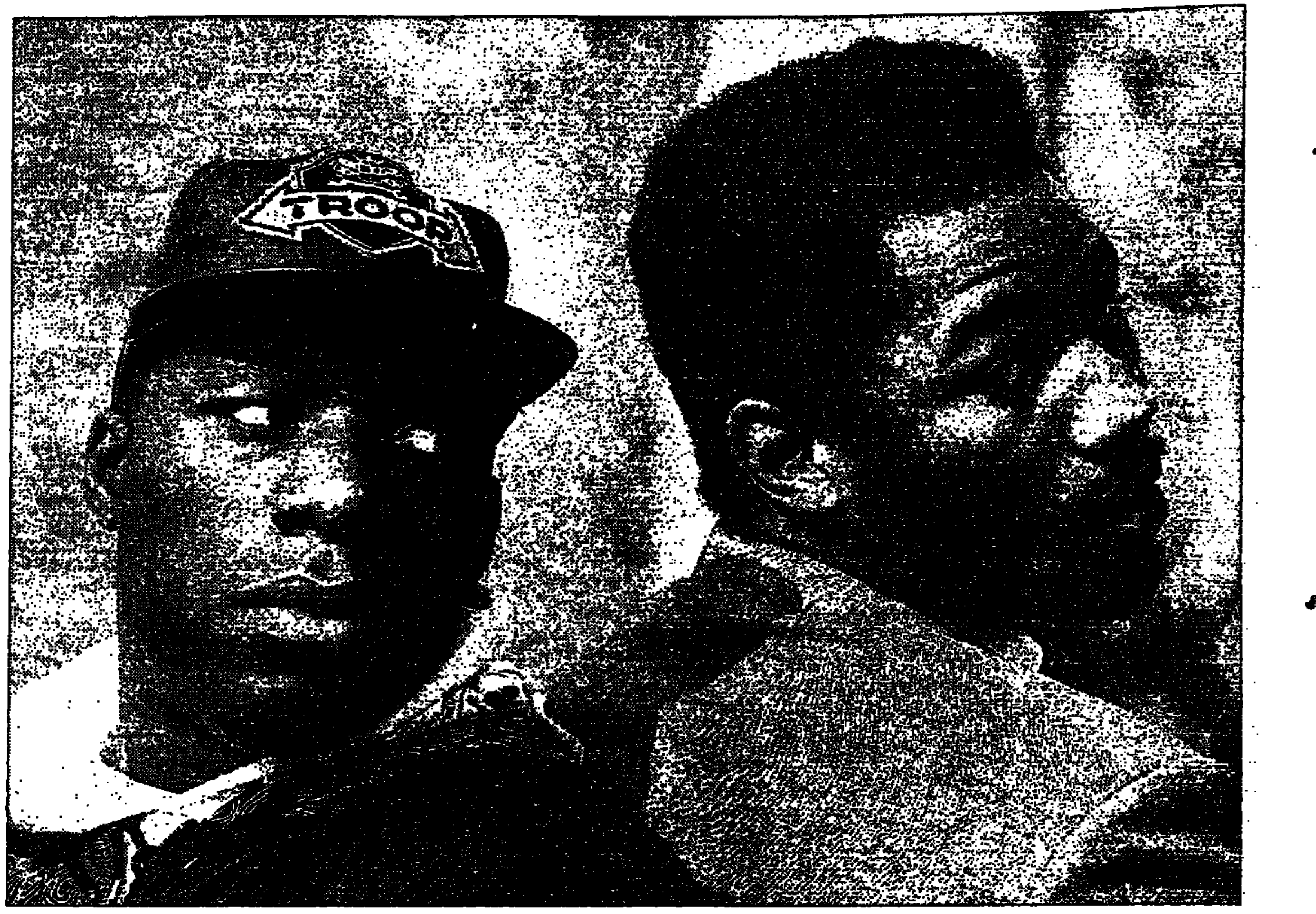
Since then, he has had an operation on his wrist and has been slowly getting himself back to fitness while treating rumours of his impending retirement with his customary scorn. "Age is just a number" is one of his favourite sayings.

The crowd, which the promoter hopes will be a capacity 9,300, will be in for an evening of nostalgia. During their years at the head of the game, Connors twice deprived Borg of a US Open title; Borg returned the compliment by beating the American twice in the finals of Wimbledon.

"They are two of the greatest players of all time and there will be many young people who have never seen Borg play, so it should be a great night," Malynn said. Malynn hopes to negotiate a contract to cover the match with one of the major television networks in the next few weeks and tickets will go on sale in just under two weeks.

Borg: ready to return

Contenders box clever in the heavyweight war of words



IAN STEWART

Backing their own talents: Mason, left, and Lewis should attract a sell-out crowd to Wembley Arena for their double championship bout

Stone-faced Mason means business

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing correspondent

THE supporters of Gary Mason will miss the British heavyweight champion's cheerful face for a couple of weeks. Mason has given up his laugh-and-grow-fat attitude to life while he is in training for his double championship bout with Lennox Lewis, the European champion, at Wembley Arena on March 6.

Mason, looking lean and mean, refused to shake hands with the Olympic champion at a press conference for the two boxers yesterday and will not enjoy a good laugh until he has seen off Lewis.

Mason said: "This is very, very serious. This is not a grudge fight. And if I said I hated him I'd be lying. If I said I desperately wanted to beat the life out of him I'd be telling the truth."

Mason, who had said in the past that Lewis would back down from the confrontation, claimed that the jibes had been made to force Lewis, who has had only 14 contests against Mason's 35, to take the bout. "I've been a pro for seven years and that's the difference," Mason said. "I beat Tyrell Biggs and just as quickly as Mike Tyson. In fact, the only other two fighters to beat him apart from me have been world champions. I wasn't even in proper shape when I did it."

Lewis maintained his skill would cancel out any advantage Mason might have in experience. "Gary doesn't know me mentally or how hungry I am," he said. Lewis has been training in Los Angeles.

Lewis, who was backed by the Levitt Group, said that the company's collapse had neither affected his boxing style nor his lifestyle. He still had his salary, his house and his Mercedes.

According to Jarvis Astaire, one of the promoters of the Wembley show, the bout is on course for a sell-out at the 13,000 capacity venue. The cash receipts have exceeded those at the same stage of Lloyd Honeyghan's world welterweight title bout against Mark Breland ten months ago. Wembley, which is expecting to take £500,000, has already reached a quarter of that total.

"The purse [£278,000 to be shared equally] is the highest ever for two domestic boxers," Astaire said. "Two unbeaten champions should make it the most attractive title fight for many, many years."

Bates calls for Lloyds to lead LTA revamp

By Andrew Longmore

THE campaign for the Lloyd brothers, John and David, to be given the chance to revive British tennis gained another recruit yesterday. On the day he was confirmed as British No. 1 for the fourth year in the Moet and Chandon awards in London, Jeremy Bates gave his firm support to the Lloyd ticket and appealed to the Lawn Tennis Association not to play safe in choosing the successor to Warren Jacques as head of men's tennis.

"I think both John and David would do good jobs. Those sorts of personality would help us a lot. David is a great businessman and, as a business, the LTA is appalling. John is very fit, plays on the over-35s international circuit, coaches some of the girls and would be great to work with," Bates said.

Bates also outlined his vision of the future, with an overall head of men's tennis co-ordinating all the coaching and training departments, the juniors and the seniors; a coach travelling full-time with the players and a Davis Cup captain working solely to prepare the team for matches.

"It's certainly more than one job. I said that when Warren was appointed. It might even involve three new people. But, either way, we must break away from the old school image and get rid of a few committees. I've been working with the LTA for 14 years now and nothing has changed. The whole apparatus needs updating and someone like David [Lloyd] could do that."

"The problem is that the LTA is frightened of making a mistake, but they mustn't just take the easy way out. Above all, they need someone who really cares about the job, not someone who will take the money and run," Bates said.

Bates will put his views to the chief executive, Ian Peacock, next week, but they will not make for easy listening.

The size of the task facing the new team, whoever they may be, was apparent at the British ranking awards yesterday. Bates, ranked 156 and aged 28, and Jo Durie, aged 30, are still the British No. 1s and, apart from Sarah Loosemore and perhaps Samantha Smith, who received a special £650 award for her performances through 1990, there are few realistic challengers on the horizon. "The shine has not gone off being No. 1 at all," Bates added. "I was just a bit depressed by my tennis last year and am looking forward to doing better this year."

Other Moet and Chandon awards went to Kaye Hand and Chris Wilkinson, who received £1,000 apiece as the most improved senior players of the year, to Danny Sapsford (£650 for industry and effort) and to John Barton and Sarah Bentley, £600 each as the year's best juniors.

Kendall sees no venue advantage

By Ian Ross

THE venue for the Merseyside derby in the FA Cup fifth round may have changed but it is debatable whether the balance of power will have altered significantly tonight. Liverpool rarely offer opponents a second chance and the ability of the League champions to turn to good advantage the atmosphere of the special occasion may yet prove decisive.

Everton's recent record against Liverpool at Goodison Park is as undistinguished as is their record at Anfield. Howard Kendall, the manager of the hosts, was the first to acknowledge that tonight's replay at Goodison could be as closely contested, as was Sunday's meeting, which ended in a goalless draw.

"It would be totally wrong to suggest that we have done the hard part by securing a replay," he said. "On occasions such as these, I do not believe the ground advantage is of any great significance. I think that we do, perhaps, have a slight psychological advantage after going to Anfield and getting a draw. The fact that we have also won the toss to stage a second replay, should one be required, may also help us a little," he said.

Despite employing a system centred on a desire to withstand, rather than exert, pressure in Sunday's game, Everton still feel a sense of injustice at not having won.

Like Kendall, Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool manager, is anticipating another robust encounter as near neighbours and traditional rivals fight for the right to play West Ham United at Upton Park in the quarter-finals.

"I just hope that we can show the same passion as we did on Sunday," he said.

Both managers must make changes, having each lost an important and influential figure during Sunday's game. McMahon, the England international midfield player, will be absent from the Liverpool side for at least six weeks with a knee injury and Sheedy will be unavailable to Everton for up to a month because of a damaged hamstring.

McMahon is confined to hospital after surgery. "He has had the tendon stitched back on and has also had some work done on his ligaments. All went well," Dalglish said.

Kendall is likely to recall Hinchcliffe at left back after his recovery from injury and move Ebberell forward into midfield. Dalglish may be tempted to name Beardsley, the England forward, in a starting line-up for the first time since December last year.

Although the referee, Neil Midgley, was heavily criticised after Sunday's game for his failure to award Everton what appeared to be a penalty by Ablett on Nevin, Dalglish is happy to have the official in charge tonight.

Virgo hits hard times

By Steve Acteson

JOHN Virgo, who had an unhappy tenure as chairman of the governing body of snooker until being voted out of office in December 1989, has been no happier as a player since then. Yesterday brought no respite for the world No. 14.

He began his third-round Pearl Assurance British Open match in Derby against the Irishman, Stephen Murphy, world ranked No. 97, with a break of 125 and had further runs of 51 and 66 in the first four frames. But he was still only level at 2-2 by the interval and eventually lost 5-3. On Monday night, the third seed, John Parrott, was beaten 5-3 by Colin Roscoe, of Wales.

Virgo has won only two matches in nine tournaments all season and said: "Making big breaks is one thing but I keep missing vital balls, it's as simple as that."

Virgo missed the pink in frame one to miss the chance to set the high break score — worth £1,000 in the pre-televised stages — at 138 and, after adding 51 in frame two, missed the last red. Murphy went in-off the frame ball pink but Virgo could not capitalise and that remained the story thereafter.

Even after establishing a 3-2 lead with runs of 66, 30 and 31 Virgo undid himself again by missing the final green in frame seven and the 21-year-old Murphy's break of 44 in frame eight made sure of his place in the fourth round.

Danny Fowler, who injured his right shoulder yesterday morning when falling downstairs at his home in Worksop, defeated Tony Wilson 5-2 to claim his place in the hat for the fourth round re-draw.

RESULTS: Third round: S Murphy (Ire) bt J Virgo (Eng), 5-3; D Fowler (Eng) bt A Wilson (Eng), 5-2; P Francisco (SA) beat D Taylor (Eng), 5-2; D Reynolds (Eng) bt D Campbell (Scot), 5-2. Late results on Monday: S Francisco (SA) bt J Wych (Can), 5-2; C Roscoe (Wales) beat J Parrott (Eng) 5-3; A Knowles (Eng) bt J Prince (N Ire), 5-3; K Stevens (Can) bt S Newbury (Wales), 5-2.

TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY: Third round (best of nine frames): 2pm: E Charlton (Aus) v S Campbell (Eng); M Clark (Eng) v I Graham (Eng); J Johnson (Eng) v C Cookson (Eng), N Foulds (Eng) v J Birch (Eng). 7.30pm: A Drago (Malta) v D Morgan (Wales); S Hendry (Scot) v A McManus (Scot); C Thorburn (Can) v A Cairns (Eng); S Davis (Eng) v E Hughes (Ire).

Ruling may be challenged

By Richard Evans

THE Aga Khan will today take legal steps to prepare the ground for a probable High Court challenge to the disqualification of his horse, Aliysa, by the Jockey Club.

In a procedural move aimed at preserving the Aga's position until he decides whether to seek a judicial review of the case, his lawyers will submit papers to the High Court.

Aliysa was disqualified three months ago from winning the 1989 Oaks — 528 days after the running of the Epsom classic. Tests on a post-race urine sample from the filly were found to contain 3-hydroxycamphor, which Jockey Club scientists insisted came from camphor — a prohibited substance. The Aga's scientists proved that 3-HC could come from borneol, which is found in feedstuffs and wood shavings used for horses' bedding.

The handling of the Aliysa case and the Jockey Club's procedures for dealing with doping cases prompted the Aga to remove his 90 horses in training in Britain from the stables of Michael Stoute and Luca Cumani.

The Aga, who is vigorously opposed to the use of any form of drugs in racing, insists he will not have horses trained in this country until scientific measures for handling doping cases have improved.

It is likely he will ask the High Court's divisional section to quash the Portman Square decision on the grounds that it was a breach of natural justice. Matthew McCloy, the Aga's lawyer, said yesterday: "A final decision has not yet been taken on an application for a judicial review. We are taking certain procedural steps to preserve His Highness's position pending further thought."

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Police want clubs to take more responsibility

By Martin Searby

COMMENT

THE chief superintendent in charge of policing at Elland Road, the home of Leeds United, believes the time has come for the force to cut its involvement in football: David Clarkson is one of three senior police officers, with Sir James Anderton, the chief constable of Greater Manchester, and assistant chief constable Malcolm George, who gave evidence to the Home Affairs Select Committee of the House of Commons.

Not surprisingly, Clarkson hopes the recommendations of the all-party group will be on the statute book quickly, but, more importantly, believes the police should lose its high profile in football as soon as possible.

"The responsibility for the game should lie entirely with the clubs and all those who have a commercial interest should share it," he said. "The police have been given too much of that responsibility because the Football League, the Football Association and the clubs have abrogated it. We have to ask ourselves are we there to enforce the law or act as glorified stewards? Clubs must train their own staff to police their own grounds, with us in reserve only to act when the law is broken."

In his "Green Book on Safety in Sports Grounds", key passages are highlighted in fluorescent felt-tip pen. The most pertinent refers to clubs appointing an executive with direct access to the boardroom to be responsible for crowd control and safety within the ground.

"This is an important post," he said. "In a job like that you would have to have knowledge and experience of very complex matters in order to draw all the strings together and act, as it were, as the licensee for the ground. The right man will not come cheaply and would have to have a status on a par with the best paid managers, but I bet few, if any, football clubs have even considered the recommendation."

He also believes the Football League should give a much stronger lead in making the game its own master. "They have rules which are out of date, such as the insistence on making 25 per cent of tickets available to visiting fans in the Rumbelows Cup," he said. "That may have been OK in the days before segregation, but in the current situation each case should be dealt with on its merits. The insistence the Leeds match went ahead at Bournemouth on a Bank Holiday with all that followed was, at the least, the worst sort of naivety. Football let us in and then left us to take over and shoulder the blame for all the other ills in the game. To make the police responsible for late kick-offs when the underlying problems are poor turnstiles and bad stewarding is only one example."

In his four years as commander at Elland Road, Clarkson, aged 51, has seen an improvement in behaviour and is firmly in favour of family stands. "I have talked to supporters' groups for the last two years, made it clear we do not want confrontation and out of that has come an affinity," he said. "I know other forces are not the same, but my officers do not go to the ground to make arrests to justify their presence and I insist on quality evidence when they do."

Clarkson, who has already integrated supporters in the family stand at Leeds, wants to see perimeter fences down as the next step towards full rehabilitation. "The advent of the closed-circuit television cameras has been a tremendous help, and if we had a proper police control room at Elland Road we could make even more progress," he said. "Despite the problems, I fervently hope and pray the day will come when supporters can mix together as happily as they ever did and not just at Leeds but all over the country. But it's up to the football clubs, not the police."

In his secretary's office, there is a notice which reads: "Due to financial stringencies, the light at the end of the tunnel will be switched off until further notice". Football should be glad Clarkson can still see it.